

Meeting You



Yoshii Haruaki



C o m m e n t

Aren't
student-teacher relationships
lovely? That's what I wanted to
portray as I drew this. I hope
you enjoy!



*Meeting
You* Yoshii Haruaki



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I'M
NOT *STILL*
THINKING
ABOUT IT.

I ALREADY
KNOW THAT
I'M GOING
STRAIGHT
INTO THE
WORKFORCE.



SO,

YOU'RE STILL
THINKING ABOUT
YOUR FUTURE?





'SCUSE ME.

ENDOU.



HEY!

AH!

Bad timing.



HAVING SOMEONE WHO'S NOT YOUR STUDENT, FORCED ONTO YOU.

What-

I FEEL YOUR PAIN.



WHAT-

...

**HE
HAD TO BE
SCOFFING
AT ME.**



I've been
teaching
for five
years.

MESSY

...



Suffice to
say, career
guidance
isn't going
well either.

FLUTTER

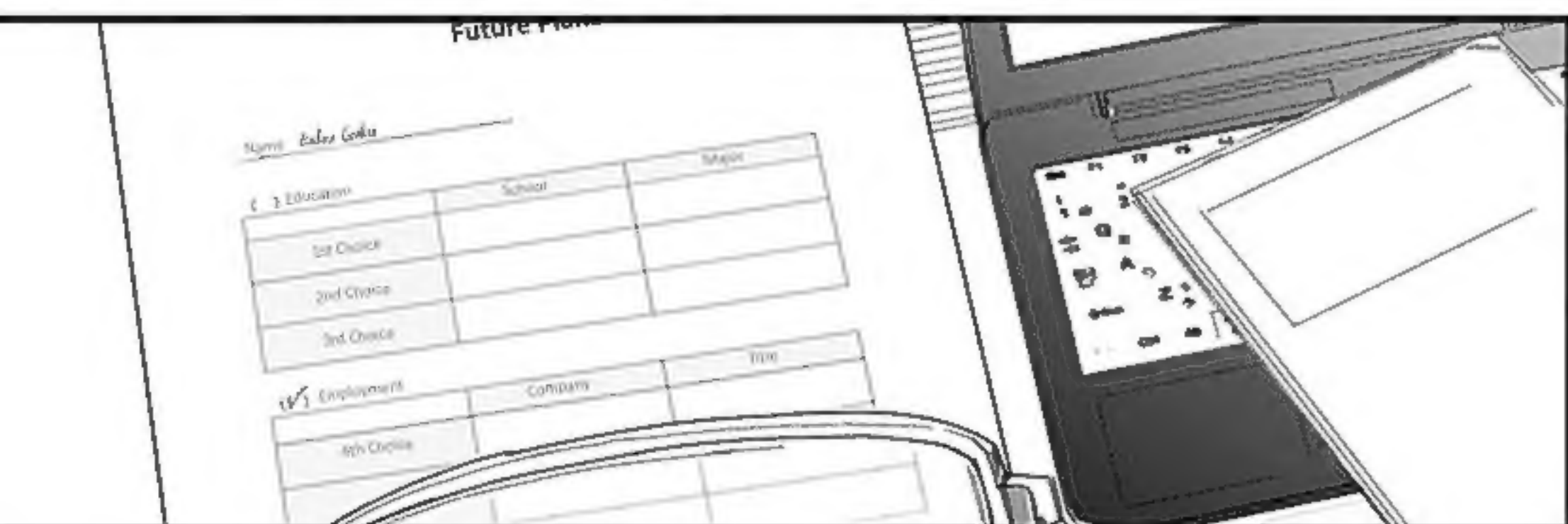
all while I'm
talking to
a student
who's just
not willing
to open up.

Work
keeps
piling
up,

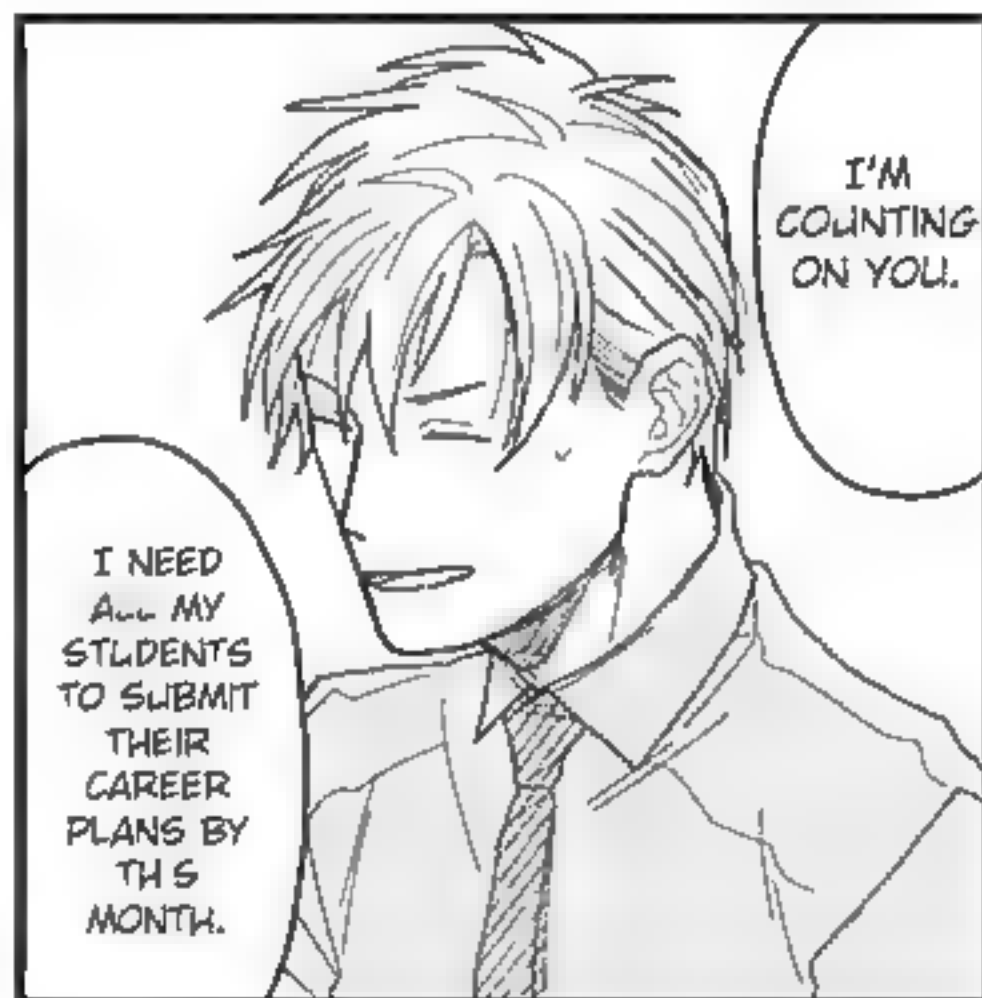
MAN...

CRK











NO,
I'M I'M
MAKING
MY OWN
DECI-
SIONS.

JUST TRY
LOOKING
AT IT.

I
CREATED
A NEW
LIST.



DOESN'T
MATTER
HOW MANY
TIMES YOU
ASK, I
STILL
WON'T
NEED
IT.



CAN I GO
NOW?

IF THAT'S
ALL,



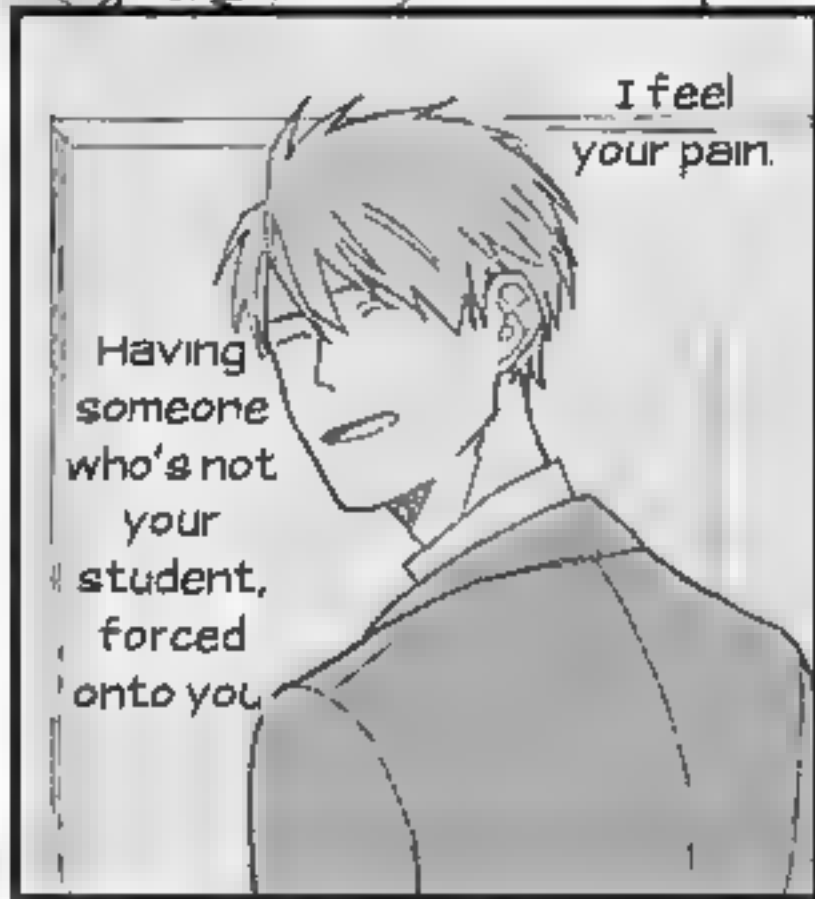
**TSUJI-
SENSEI!**

You
done
yet?

SO I DON'T
WANT TO GET
INVOLVED.

HE'S
NOT EVEN
GOING TO
HUMOR ME,

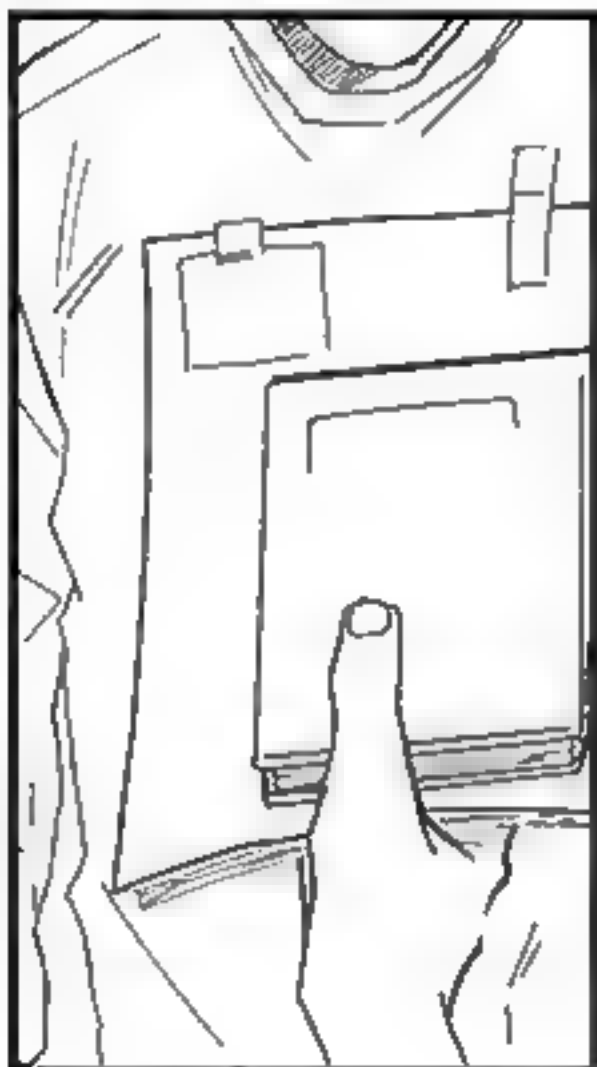














...YOU SURE
YOU DON'T
NEED IT?



Hah
FINE.



ARE
YOU DOING
THAT ON
PURPOSE?

HUH?



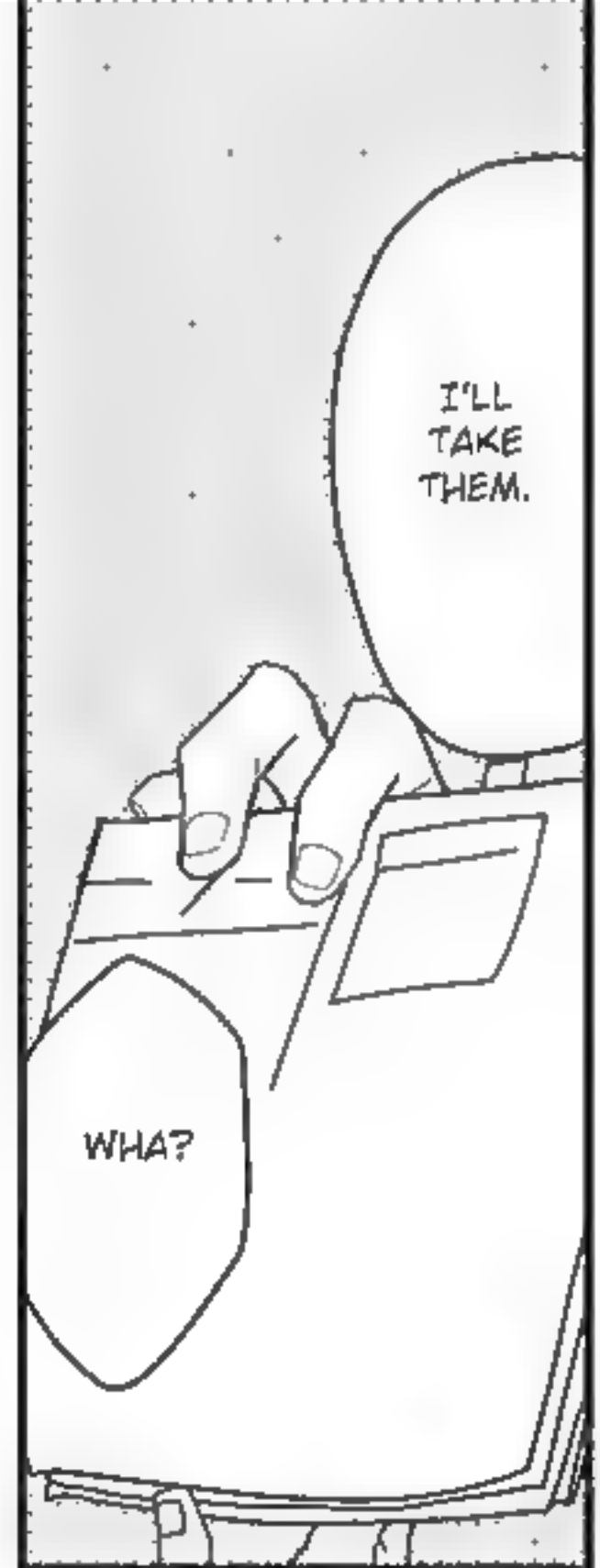
HAHA,
YEAH.

WHY DO
YOU LOOK
SO SUR-
PRISED?

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
ASKED ME TO
TAKE THEM.



I'M GLAD
YOU'RE
ACCEPTING
THEM.



I'LL
TAKE
THEM.

WHA?

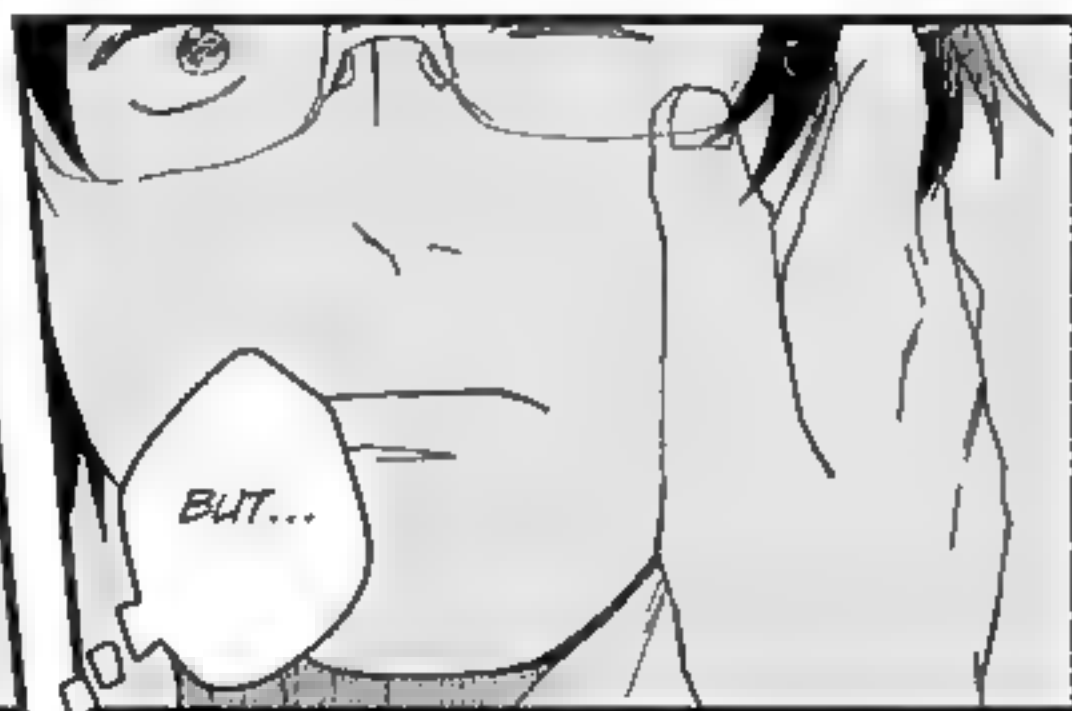


YOU'VE
GOT BAGS
UNDER
YOUR
EYES.

HUH?





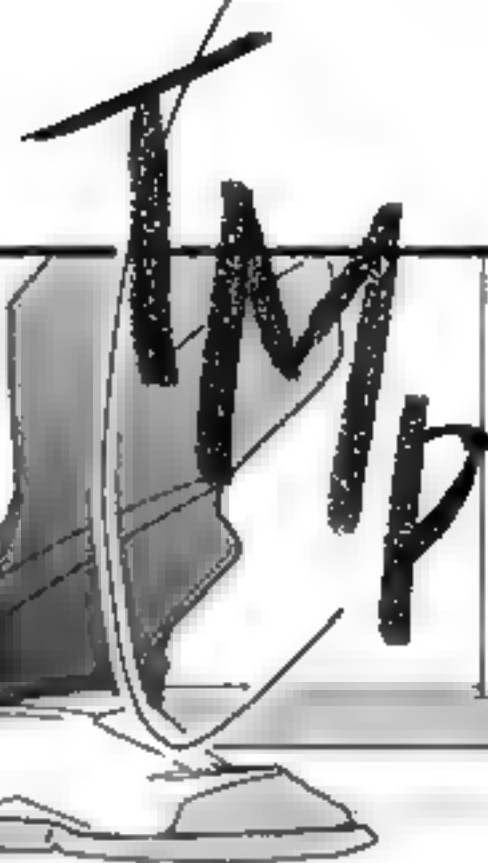




NO WAY.

We'll
make it

RUN, GAKU!
WE'RE GONNA
BE LATE!



I'M NOT
A FAN OF
HIM.

Like he
hates us

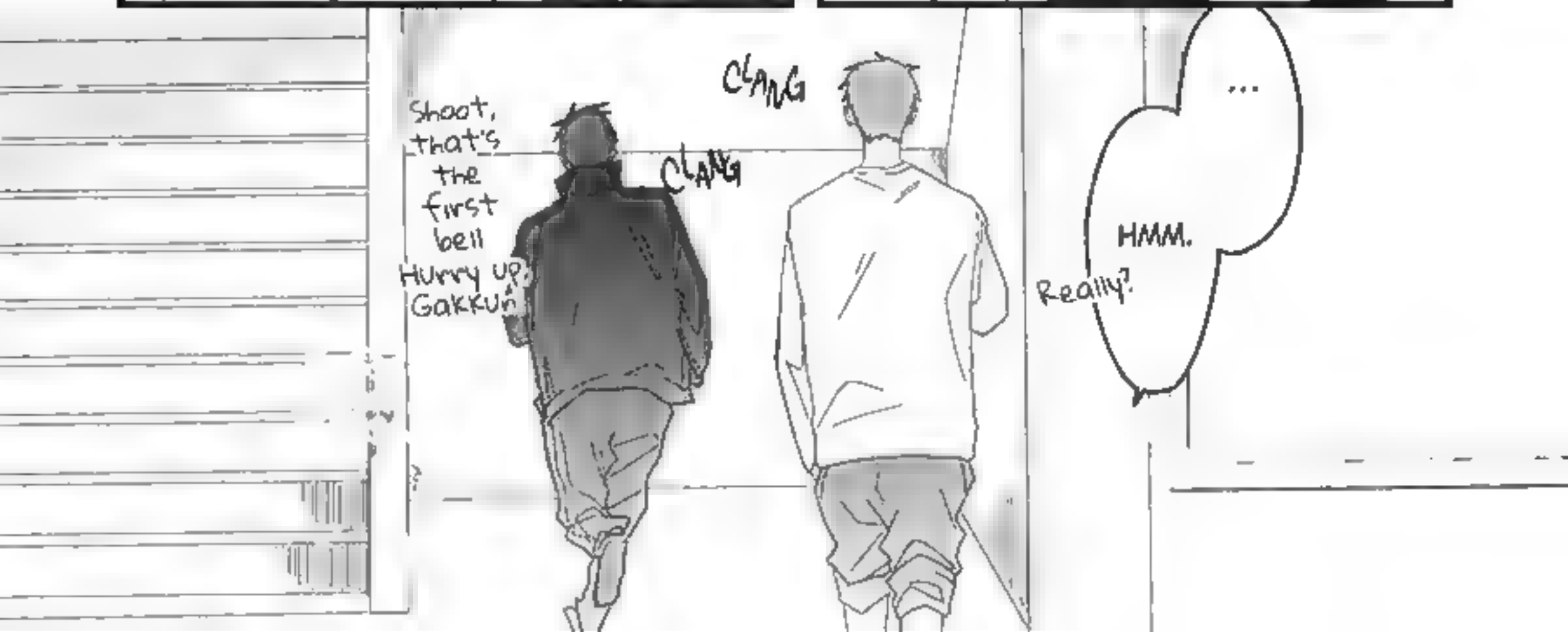
HE ALWAYS
LOOKS SO
STRAIGHT-
LACED.



ANY-
WAY,

WERE
YOU
TALKING
TO HONDA-
SENSEI
EARLIER?

AH,
YEAH.



Shoot,
that's
the
first
bell
Hurry up,
Gakku!

CLANG

CLANG

HMM.
Really?

...



WHAT
A HUGE
STACK.

HE HATES
US?

PLPPL



THAT'S
NOT THE
IMPRESSION
THAT I GOT.

CLANG



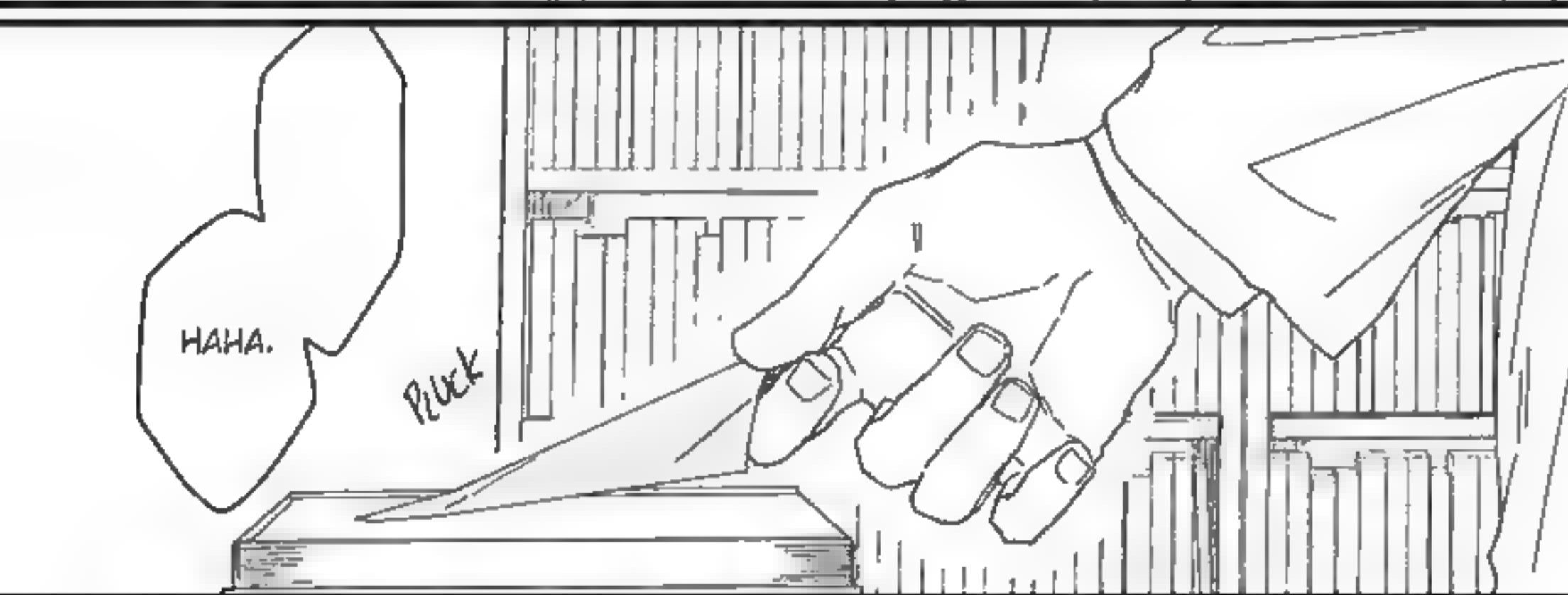
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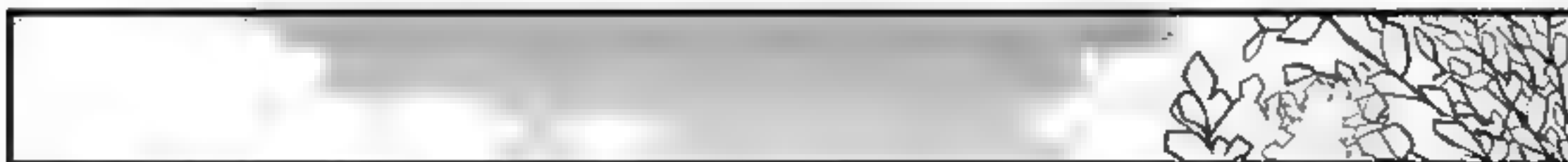
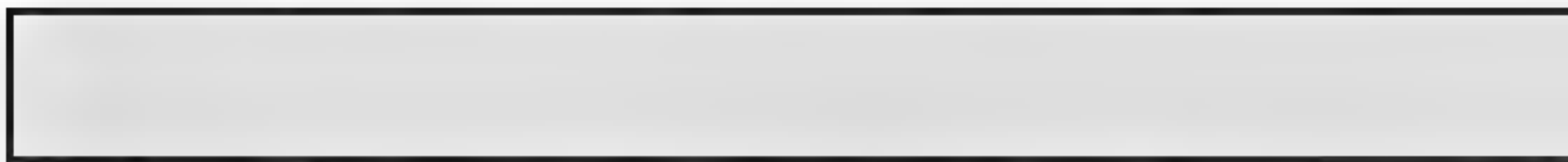
I GOTTA
TAKE CARE
OF SOME-
THING. WAIT
FOR ME.

WHAT?
YOU'RE NOT
WALKING
HOME WITH
US?

CLANG









I'VE
GOT
QUES-
TIONS...

OD I'M
THE ONE
ASKING
THE
QUES-
TIONS.



BUT YOU
WEREN'T
CALLED
IN.

THEN
LET'S SAY
I'M HERE
TO STUDY.



I DON'T
THINK YOU'RE
SLEEPING
WELL,
SENSEI.

RATTLE



WHAT
ARE YOU
REALLY
HERE
FOR?

He's
watching
me



...

...



IS IT THAT
OBVIOUS?

YOU
ALWAYS
LOOK LIKE
YOU'RE
LACKING
SLEEP.





YOU'VE
GOT A HABIT
OF FURROW-
ING YOUR
EYEBROWS.

MIGHT WANNA
STOP BEFORE
YOU DEVELOP
WRINKLES.



I'M NOT
WRONG. HE
IS CLOSE...

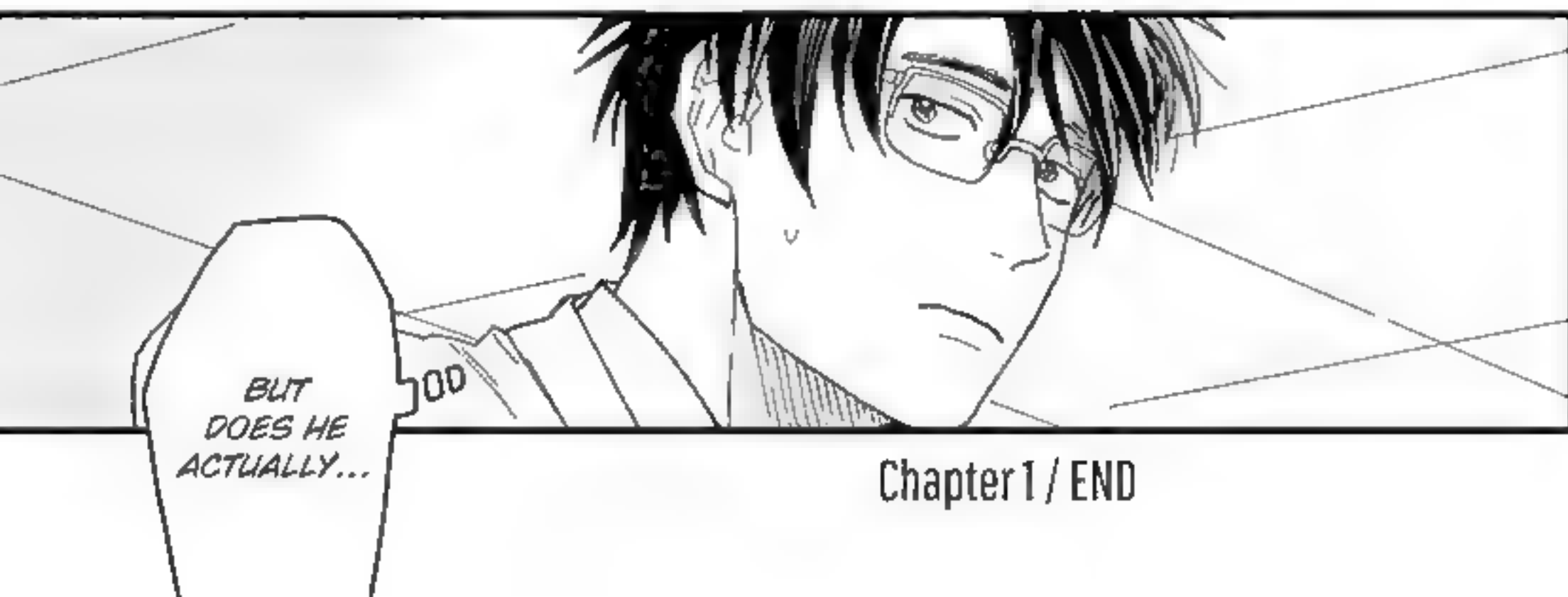
HUH?

SURE,
I'LL BE
CAREFUL
...



YEAH,

TAKE
CARE OF
YOURSELF.



Chapter 2

It's been
two weeks
since Endou
started
showing up
here...

...at the
Career
Center.

LIKE
THIS?

USE
THESE
PAPERS
HERE.

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Scratch
Scratch

Clap

WAS IT THAT
SIMPLE?

HUH...?

TAP
TAP

AND THEN
DO WHAT
YOU DID
BEFORE.

OH!

BUT I
DON'T WANT
TO HARBOR
ANY STRANGE
FEELINGS
TOWARDS MY
STUDENT.

I
KNOW
I'M
GAY,



RIGHT?

ER,
YEAH.

COR-
RECT.



LIKE
THIS?

I GOT IT,
RIGHT?

TAP
TAP

FWP



Sorry

Language,
Endou.

He started
out with a
completely
different
attitude.

WELL,
AIN'T THAT
CRAP THE
HARD
PART?

IT'S EASY
ONCE YOU
MEMORIZE
IT.



PERHAPS I'M
JUST TOO
CAUTIOUS.

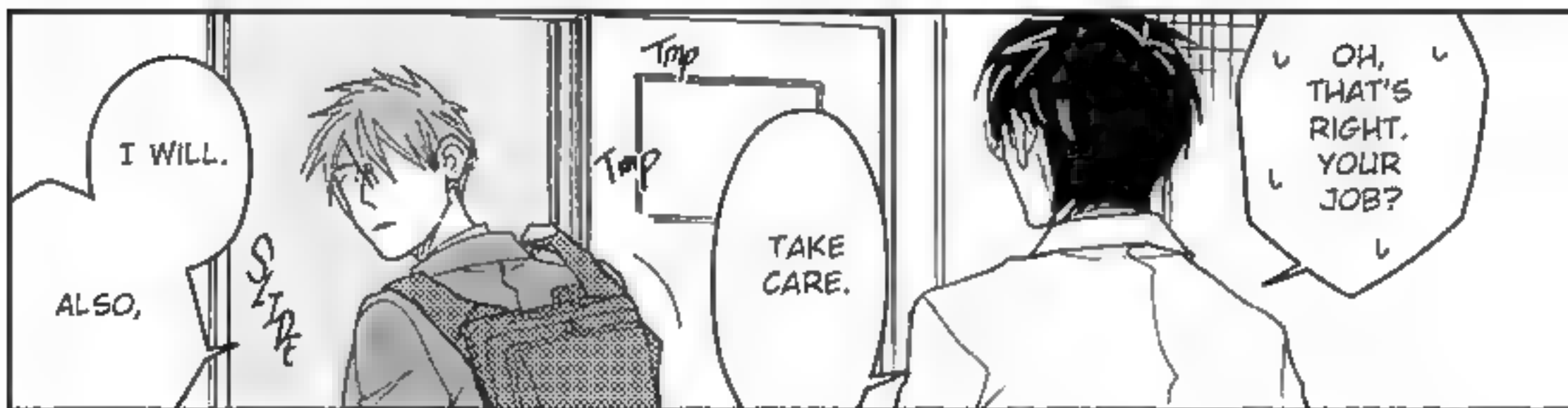
And now I
don't know
what to do
with him.

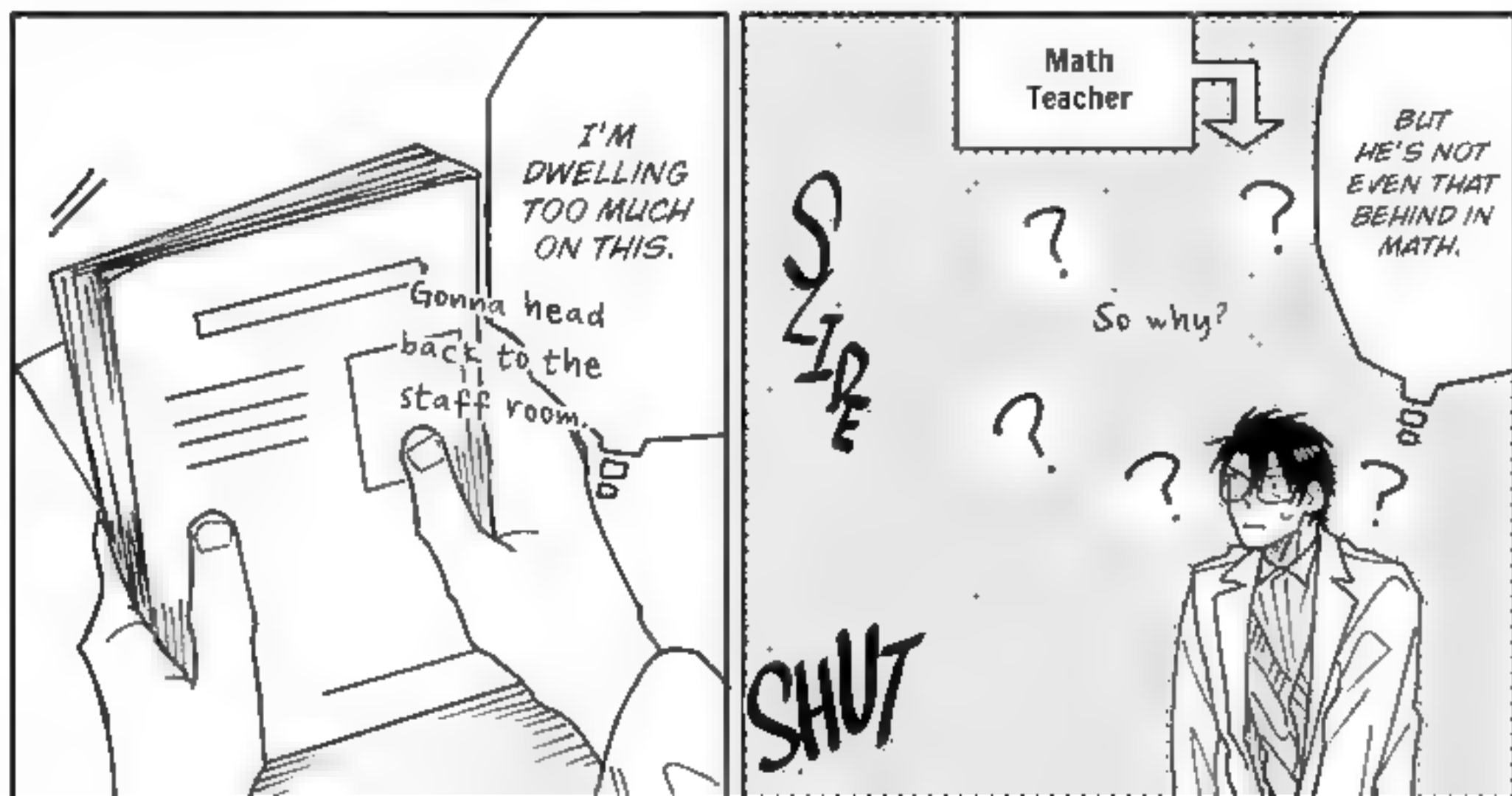


SO
YOU CAN
DO IT.

I COULDN'T
DO IT ON
MY OWN.









SENSEEE!!!



Klack



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Klack



MAYBE I SHOULD...



"I'LL SWING BY AGAIN NEXT TIME."



IT MIGHT MAKE ME MORE APPROACHABLE.

...TRY SMILING A LITTLE MORE.

Hmph











RUSTLE

THAT'S
A BIT
EMBAR-
RASSING.
ME, BEING
THE ADULT
HERE.



THANKS.

HE
WAS...

WATCHING
OUT FOR
ME.



TMP
TMP

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

AND
YOU'RE
ALREADY
WALKING?!

WHAT?
DO YOU
EVEN LIVE
IN THE SAME
DIRECTION?



...I'LL
WALK YOU
HOME.

THAT'S
OKAY. I'M
NOT A
GIRL.

I'll be
fine.



WHA...?

Oh well.



NO
REALLY, I
INSIST. AS
THANKS
FOR THIS.

If you
were to be
critical,

you could
say I'm
favoring
one
student.

...about
how great
I felt,
doing
this

That's
why,

I
wouldn't tell
anyone...



UM...

Scratch

HAVE
YOU
THOUGHT
ABOUT
YOUR
FUTURE
YET?

SO?

ARE YOU
SAYING, YOU
THINK IT'S A
WASTE FOR
ME TO NOT
GO FOR
HIGHER EDU-
CATION?

YOU'RE
VERY
DILIGENT,

AND
YOU'VE
GOT THE
GRADES.

BECAUSE
THAT'S
WHAT
TSUJI-
SENSEI
SAID.

...







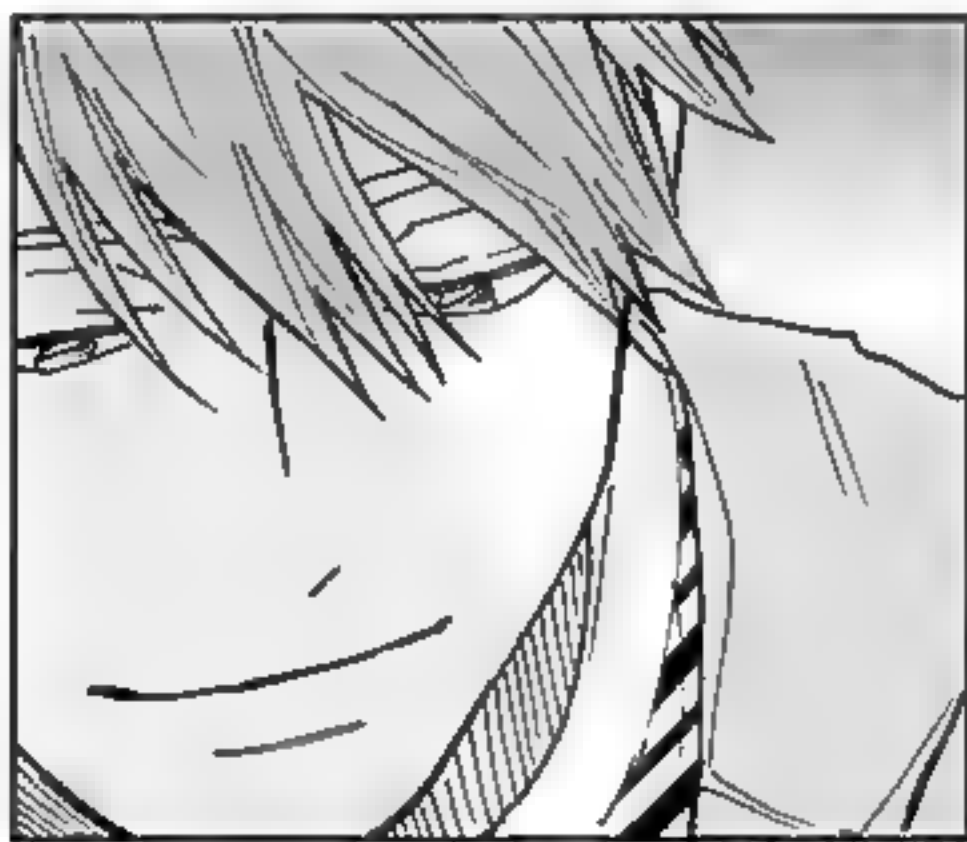


YOU PUT IN
ALL THAT
THOUGHT FOR
MY SAKE.



IT'S SUCH
A SHAME. AND
IT'S ALL SO
FRUSTRATING.





LOOK.

Squeeze

EVEN YOUR
HANDS ARE
HOT.

TPP





C-CAN
YOU NOT
TEASE
ME?

YOU'RE
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
EVER
SAYS I'M
EASY TO
READ.

TEENAGERS
NOWADAYS
TERRIFY
ME...!



I
WASN'T
LIKE THIS
IN MY
TEENS.

FWIP

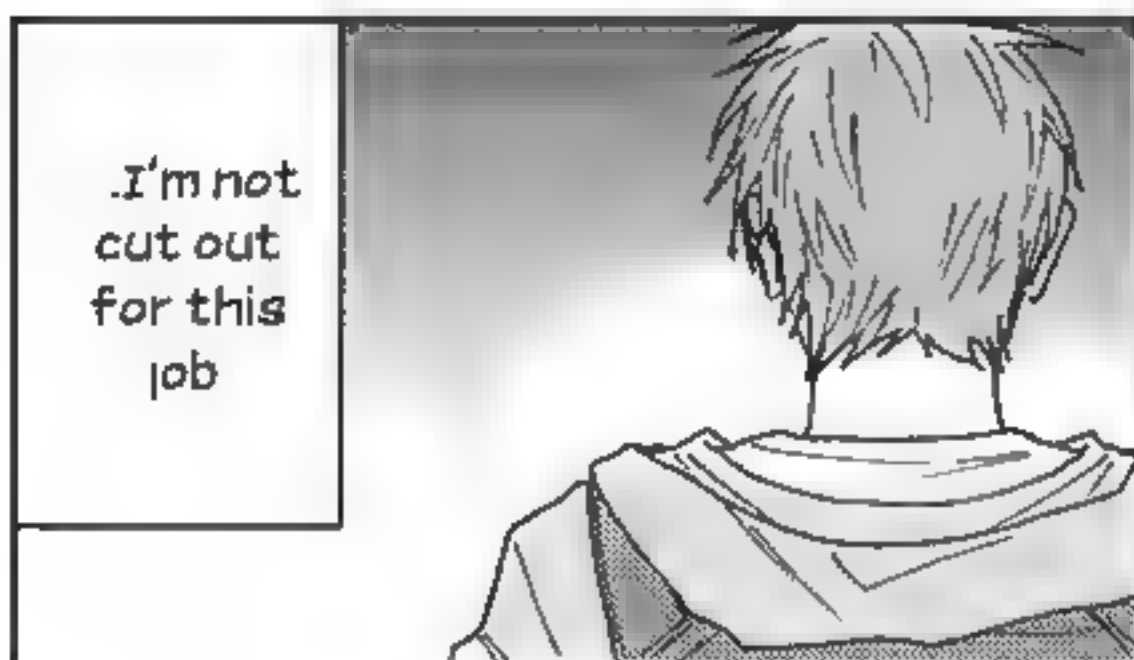


You're so
easy to
read.

Hahaha



Some-
times, I'll
wonder
if...



I'm not
cut out
for this
job



Fine

SORRY.

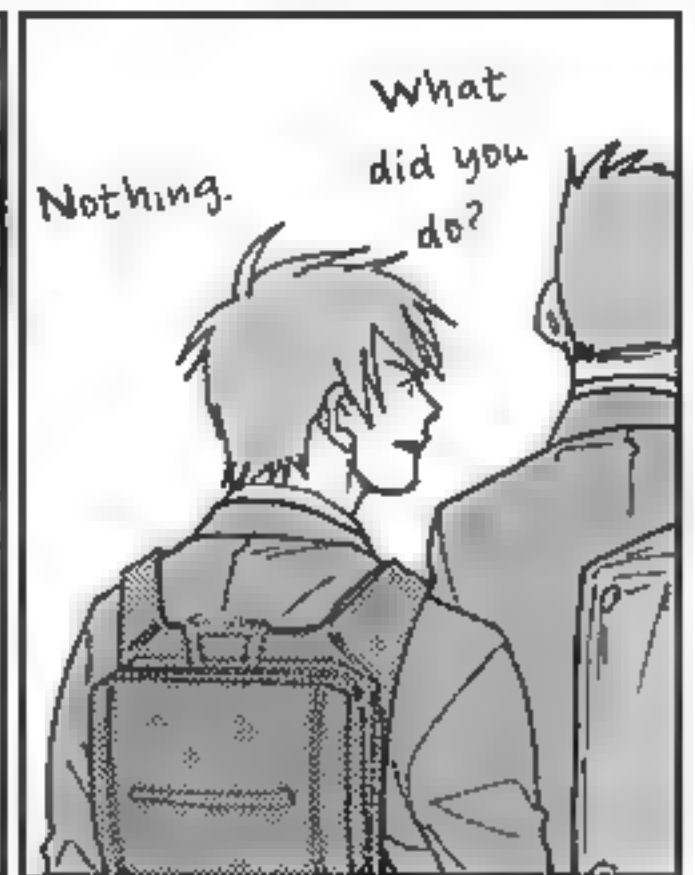


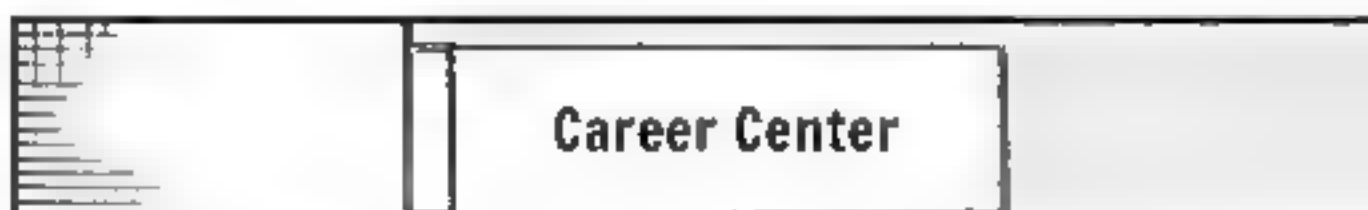
When I get
so flustered
over one
person's
words.



DON'T
SMILE.

STOP.







HE LOOKS
LIKE HE'S
ENJOYING
HIMSELF.



SLIDE



AS AN
EDUCATOR, I
JUST
WANT ..

..TO HELP
HIM WITH
HIS CAREER
DECISIONS.



HE'S GOT
A LOT OF
FRIENDS,

BUT OF
COURSE,
IT'S NONE
OF MY
BUSINESS.

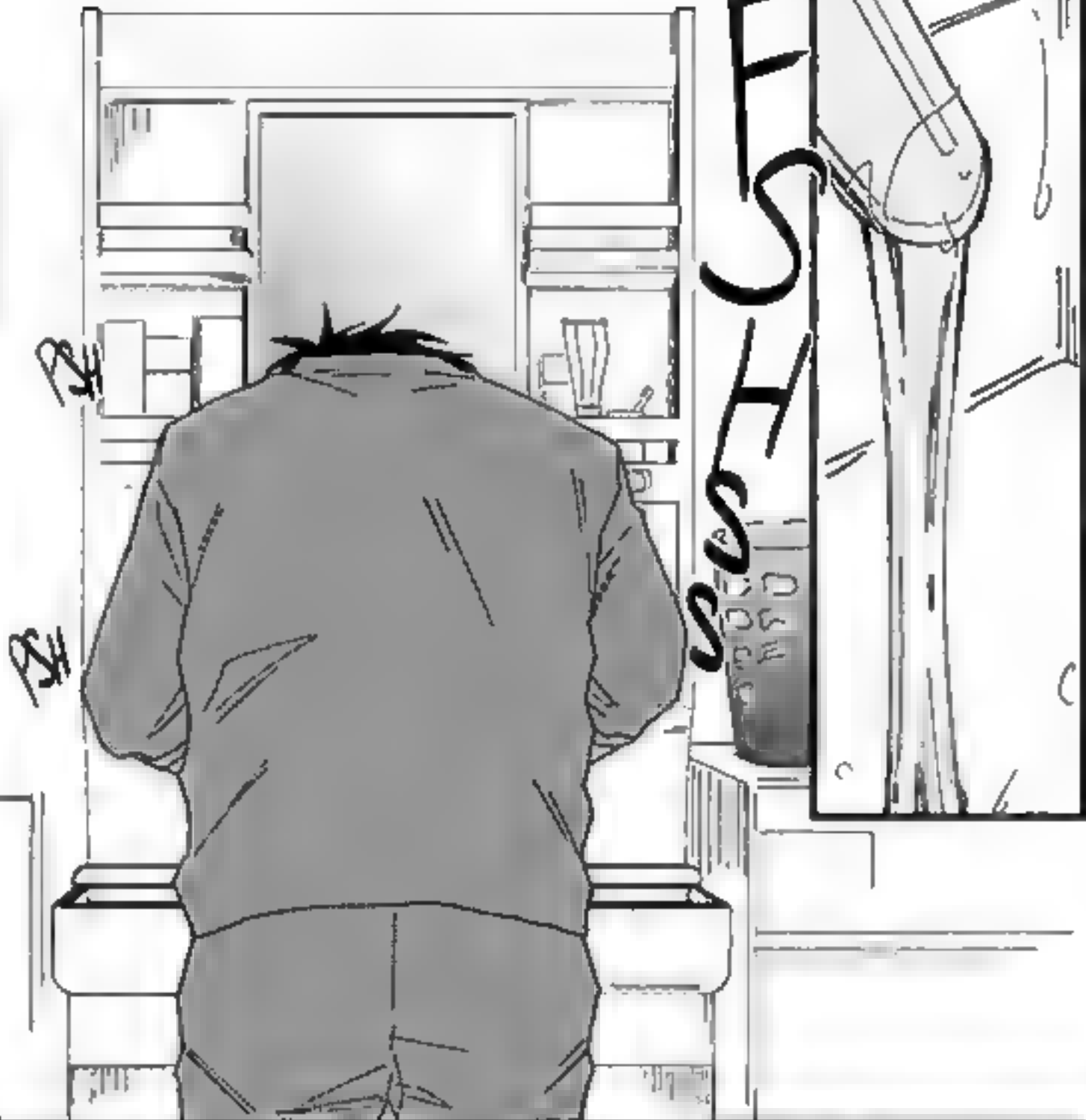








Chapter 3



I NEVER
IMAGINED I
WOULD EVER
FEEL THIS
WAY..

...TOWARDS
A MINOR.



HONDA,

Subtly.

Naturally.

Squik

Time to
put some
distance
between
us.







SORRY
FOR
STOPPING
YOU
THERE.

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

THAT'S
OKAY.



HONDA-SENSEI.

PERFECT
TIMING.



HLH?

I WAS
THINKING I
COULD TAKE
OVER FROM
HERE.



IT'S ABOUT ME
LEAVING ENDOU'S
CAREER GUIDANCE
WITH YOU.



I DIDN'T
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT.

YOU TALKING
ABOUT ME?



HOLD ON...

ENDOU TOLD
ME THIS MORNING
ABOUT HIS PLANS
FOR COLLEGE.

WHY THE
SUDDEN
CHANGE?





LUCKY
H.M!

TSUJ -
SENSEI'S
GONNA HELP
ENDOU-KUN
STUDY?



YOU'RE
NOT GUARAN-
TEED A SPOT AT
YOUR TARGET
COLLEGE
YET.

SO IF
YOU NEED
SOME HELP
STUDYING, I
CAN HELP
YOU.



I was just
thinking
that...

This came
at a good
time.



YOU
GUYS
DON'T
NEED
IT!

That's not
my area-of
expertise

Me too!

ME TOO,
SENSEI!

Hahaha.

I need
help on
classical
lit!



SORRY FOR
CAUSING SUCH
A STORM,



...I shouldn't
be involving
myself any
further.





BUT...



NOT THAT
I'M SAYING I
DON'T LIKE
YOU, TSUJI-
SENSEI,

HE MAKES
THINGS EASY
TO UNDER-
STAND.



BUT...



ALTHOUGH
HE MIGHT LOOK
LIKE HE DOESN'T
CARE THAT MUCH
ABOUT HIS
STUDENTS,

HE TRULY
LISTENS TO
US.




HUH?
YEAH...

YOU'RE
GOING TO
THE GUIDANCE
ROOM,
RIGHT?



Grit



THEN I'M
COMING WITH
YOU.



HUH?
THE WAY
THINGS
ARE
GOING...



BDMP



BDMP



BDMP

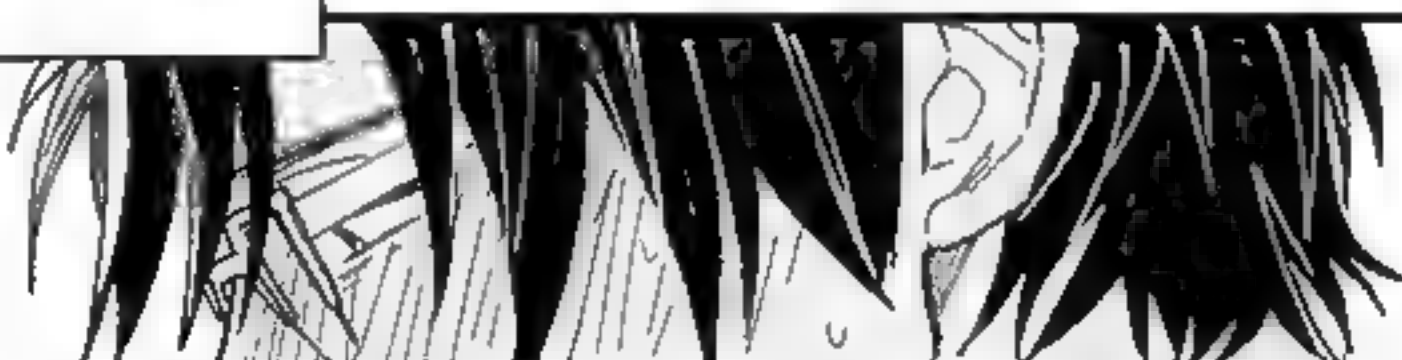


why am
I so...





...simple-
minded.

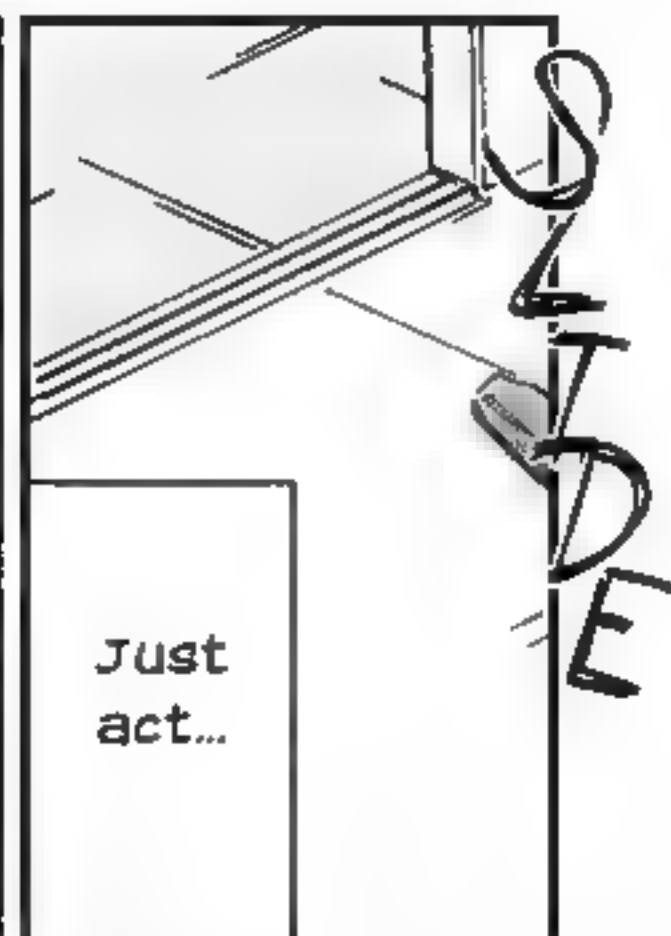




WAIT, LET ME GRAB THE KEY.



ENDOU, LET...









This is
merely his
trust in
me as a
teacher.

It's
fine to
be happy
over
this.



AND YOU EVEN
SHARED WITH ME
YOUR REASON FOR
BECOMING A
TEACHER.

IT'S
NOT THAT
GREAT OF
A REASON.



SO I ALSO
WANT TO BE A
TEACHER.

I'LL WANT TO
BECOME ONE
JUST LIKE
YOU.



...IS THAT A
BIT EMBAR-
RASSING?



That's
how it
was
supposed
to be...

But why...



BUT
IT'S THE
TRUTH.



It's not just
happiness...

This is
shame that
I'm feeling.





that I'm
gay,

and that
he has an
effect on
me.

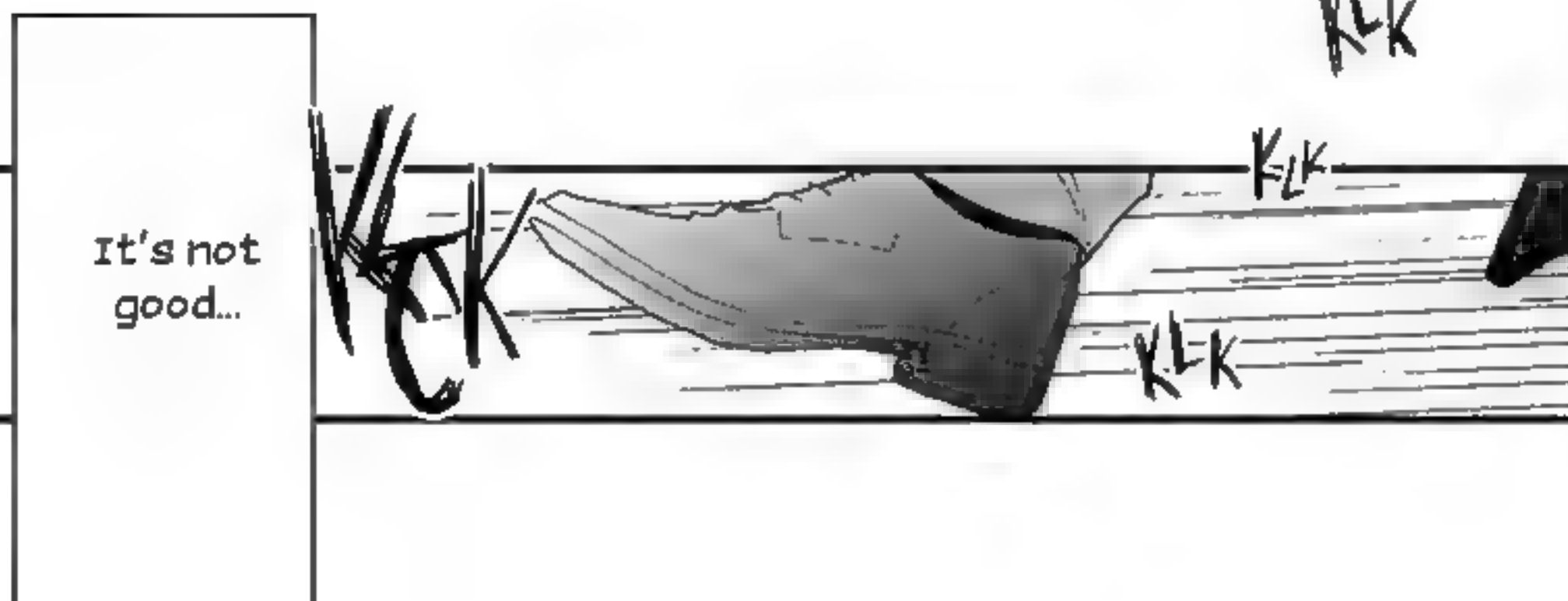
How
could I tell a
student, who
idolizes me
so,

How could
I possibly
say it.

HONDA-
SENSEI.

SORRY.









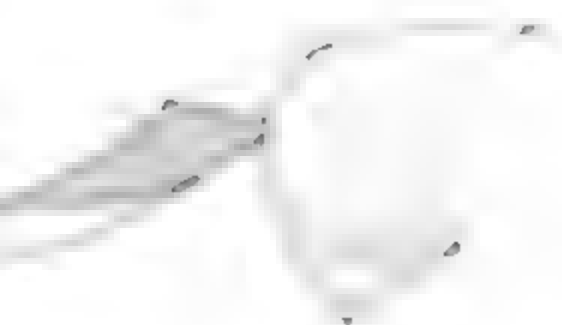


Kimi to deatte

kara

Boku ha

Presented by
Haruaki Yoshii





HHHH...

I got rejected.

Don't worry about it.

We're still here.

Ooh...

Ah...

Chapter 4

OH, FOR
THE GUEST
LECTURE.

HERE ARE
YOUR PAPERS,
HONDA-SENSEI.

職員室

THANK YOU.

HAS
SOMETHING
CHANGE?

AND
YOU'VE
BEEN
SMILING
MORE.

LATELY,
YOU'VE
BECOME
EASIER TO
APPROACH.

Hehe

...?
UM,
YES...?

STARE

...



OH,
BUT...



THE
STUDENTS
ASKED TO
BORROW THE
GUIDANCE
ROOM.

ARE YOU
HELPING OUT
WITH THE
CULTURAL
FESTIVAL?

SORRY,
I'M
HEADING
OUT.

NOTHING
IN PARTICU-
LAR...



...AFTER
SCHOOL.

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
TUTORING
ENDOU-KUN...



Since
that
day,

AH, NO...



WEREN'T YOU
GUYS USING
THAT ROOM?



UCHIDA-KUN
AND THE
GANG ARE
ALREADY
THERE.

If
I...

SLURP

CAN
YOU
HANDLE
IT YOUR-
SELF?

CAN I
START
MOVING
THE
TOOLS?

And,

But it's
not like
we made
a deal or
anything.

SENSEI.

...ask
"why..."

THEN YOU
SHOULD
BE FINE.

I can't
ask him
why he
hasn't
been
coming.

I'M
GOING TO THE
CLASSROOM.

and
that's
what he
tells
me...

I WAS
DISAPPOINTED.

THEN HE
MAY HAVE
SEEN RIGHT
THROUGH
ME.



OH, I
ALMOST
FORGOT!

HM?



THEN CAN
I BORROW
YOUR
KEYS?

SURE.

Click



YOU'RE
WELCOME
ANYTIME.

REALLY?



I'LL
COME
WHENEVER
I FEEL
LIKE IT.

HAHA.



CAN I COME TO
YOU IF I HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS
TOO, NEXT TIME?

OF
COURSE.



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HONDA-SENSEI.

SLIDE



WOW,
THERE'S A
LOT OF
PEOPLE
HERE.



I'M HERE
TO LEARN.

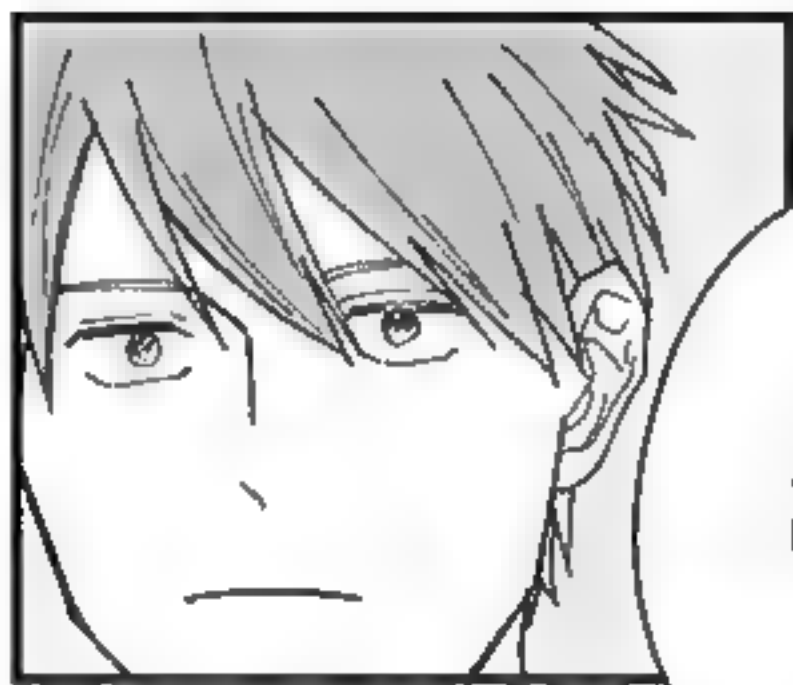
NAH.

OH.



YOU
HERE TO
HELP OUT?

OH, IT'S YOU,
ENDOU-KUN.
WHAT'S UP?



CAN I
STUDY
HERE?

SENSEI,



WM,
SURE.



HE'S
ACTING
NORMAL.



Grin

THANK
YOU!

IF YOU
DON'T MIND
ALL THIS.



TMP

TOO NORMAL.



No way.

What are
you guys
doing,
there?

We are
making signs.
Wanna join?



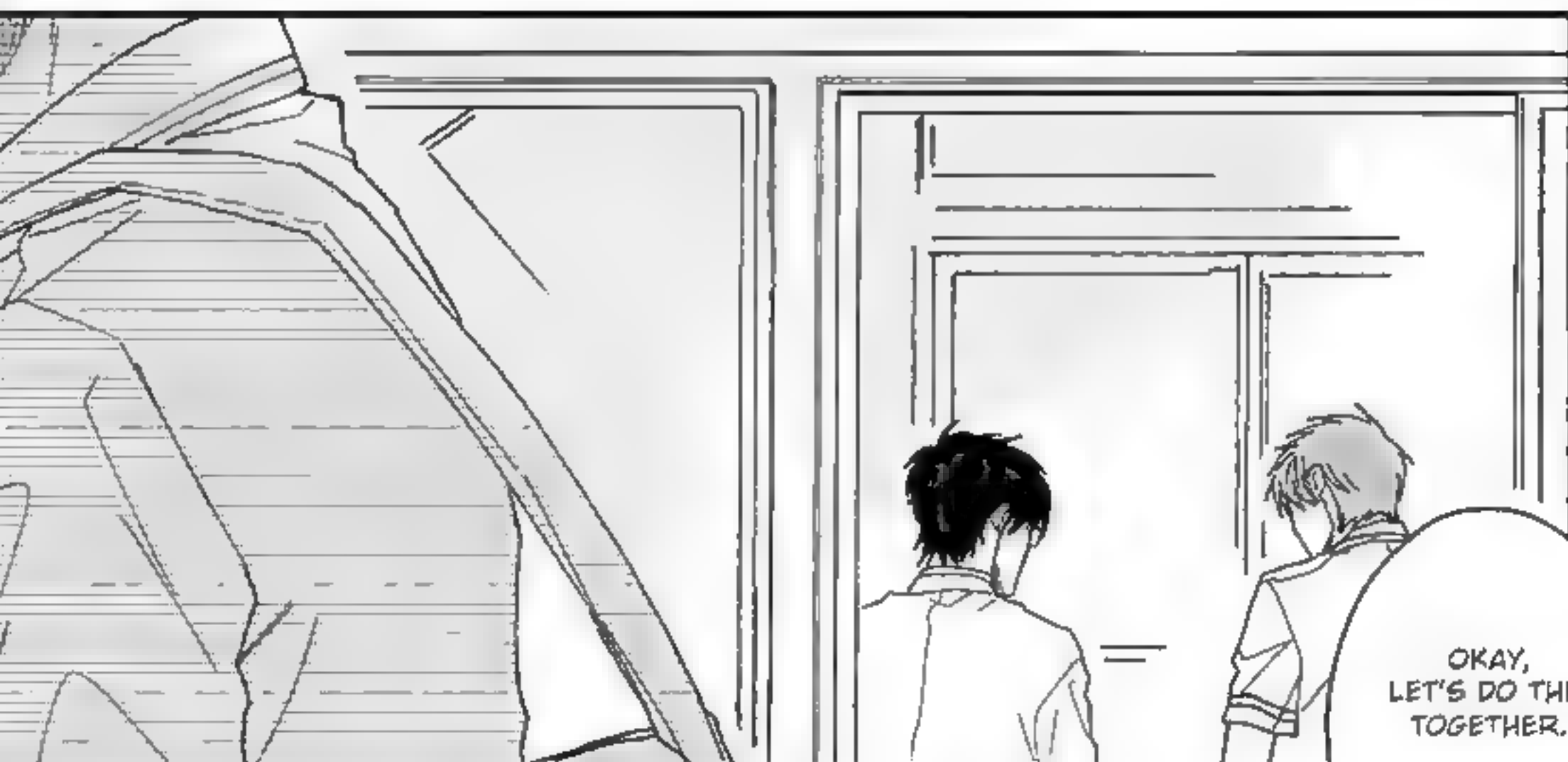
I have
a bad
feeling



TAKE CARE.

THANKS,
SENSEI!

OKAY, WE'RE
LEAVING.



OKAY,
LET'S DO THIS
TOGETHER.



I'VE
BEEN CLIRIOUS
ABOUT SOME-
THING.

HM?



WHICH PARTS
DO YOU NEED
HELP WITH?

SENSEI.



...LIKE THIS,
TOO?

BUT DO
YOU TUTOR
THE OTHER
GLYS...





Don't
tell me.



Even I
think...

...that my
reaction
was sus-
picious.



B-BUT,

I'M HAPPY
TO HELP IF
THEY ASKED
ME TO.



IT'S NOTHING
SPECIAL.

CRUMPLE

Did he
notice my
feelings,



Endou's
very
bright.

DID I
MANAGE TO
DECEIVE
HIM?

SO IT'S NOT
JUST ME.



...AWW, MAN.



..and
decide
to avoid
me?



SORRY.

Huh?



I
GUESS
THAT
MAKES
SENSE.



IT Baffles ME
WHY PEOPLE
EVER THOUGHT
OTHERWISE.

THEN AGAIN, YOU
WERE ALWAYS
NICE TO BEGIN
WITH.

YOU WERE
GETTING ON SO
WELL WITH UCHIDA
AND THE REST.

That's
thanks to
you.

Wait.

Huh?

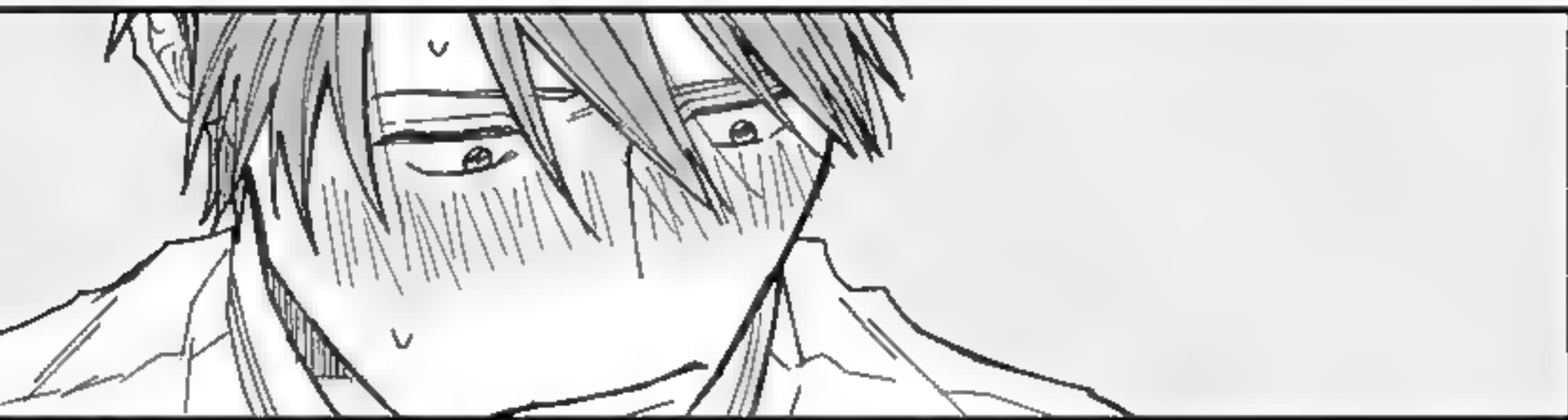
I
COULDN'T
BRING
MYSELF TO
COME HERE.

BUT IT KIND OF
BOTHERS ME
WHEN YOU SMILE
FOR OTHER
PEOPLE.

AH.

Wait
one
minute.







UM...

That
he's...

...misinter-
preting.

I need to
tell him,

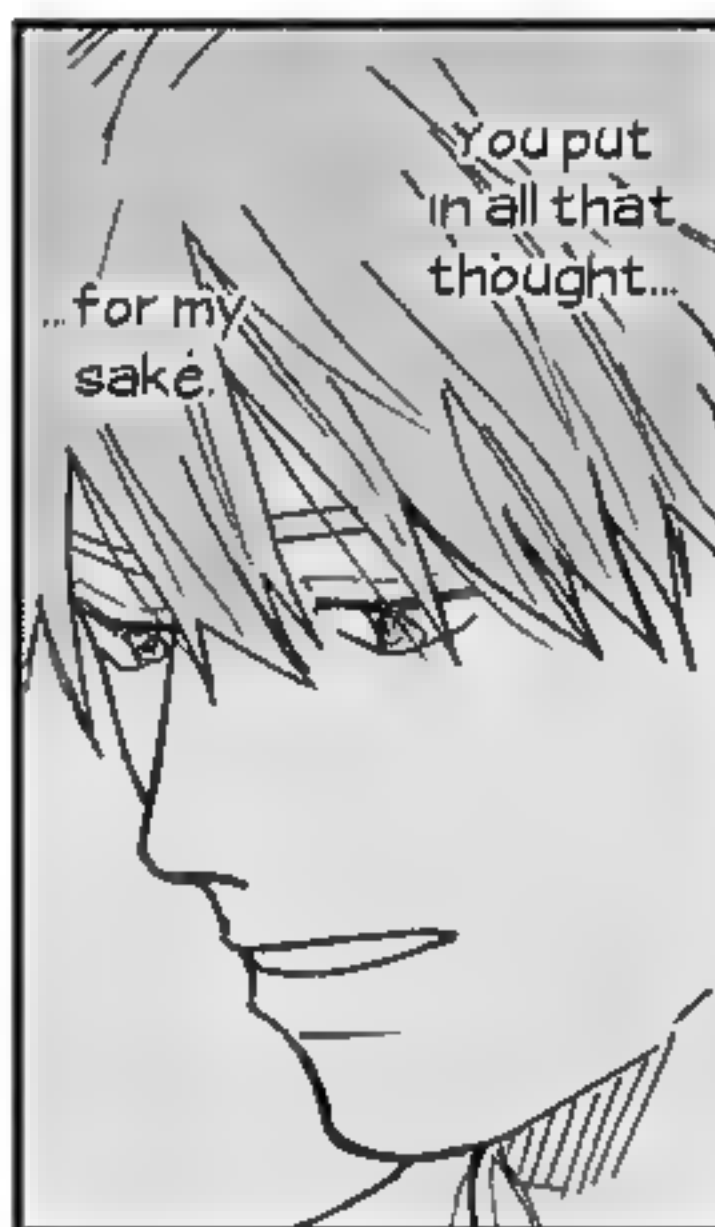
that he's
mistaken.

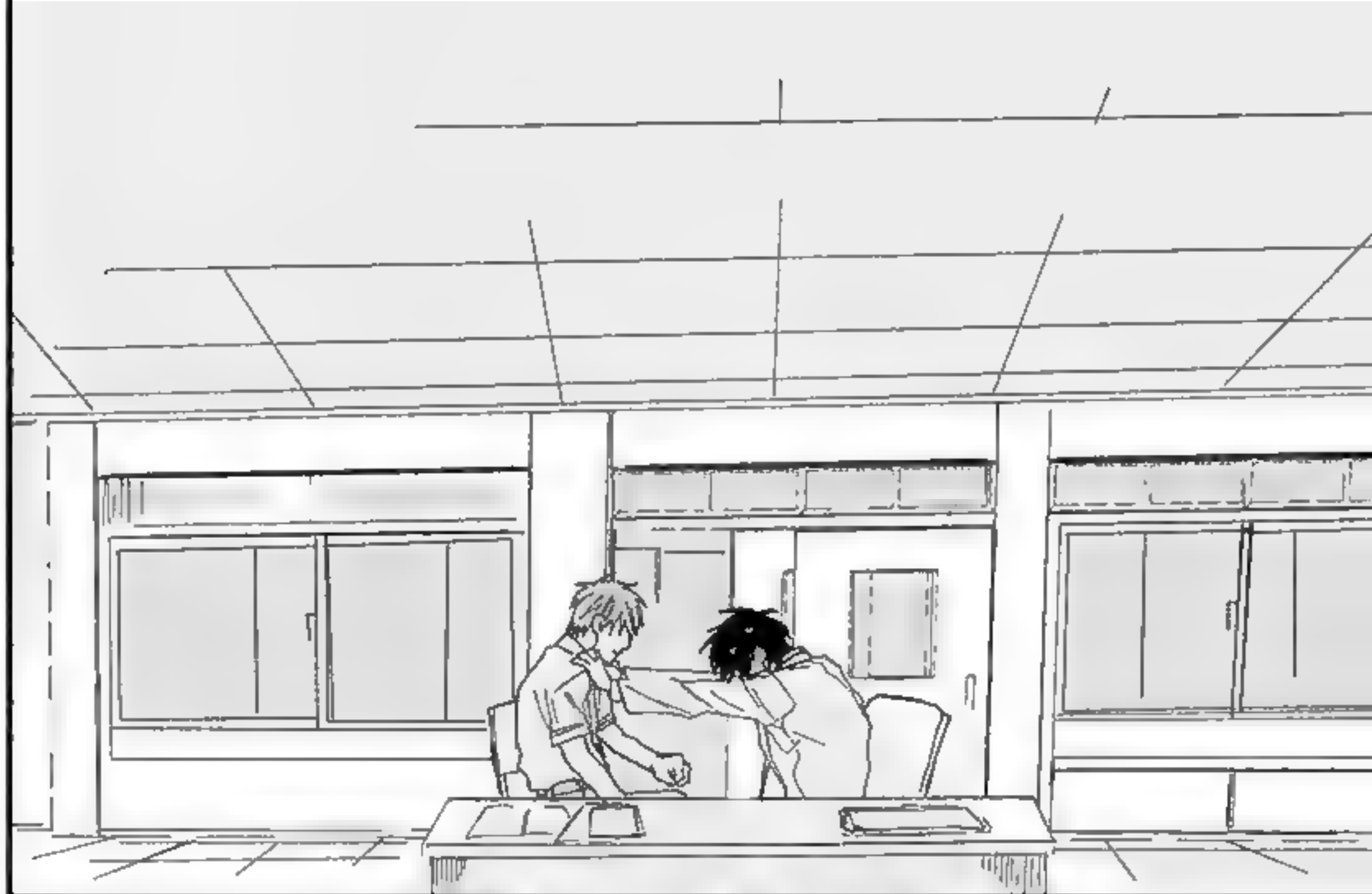


SENSEI.

Stop.
This
isn't
good.



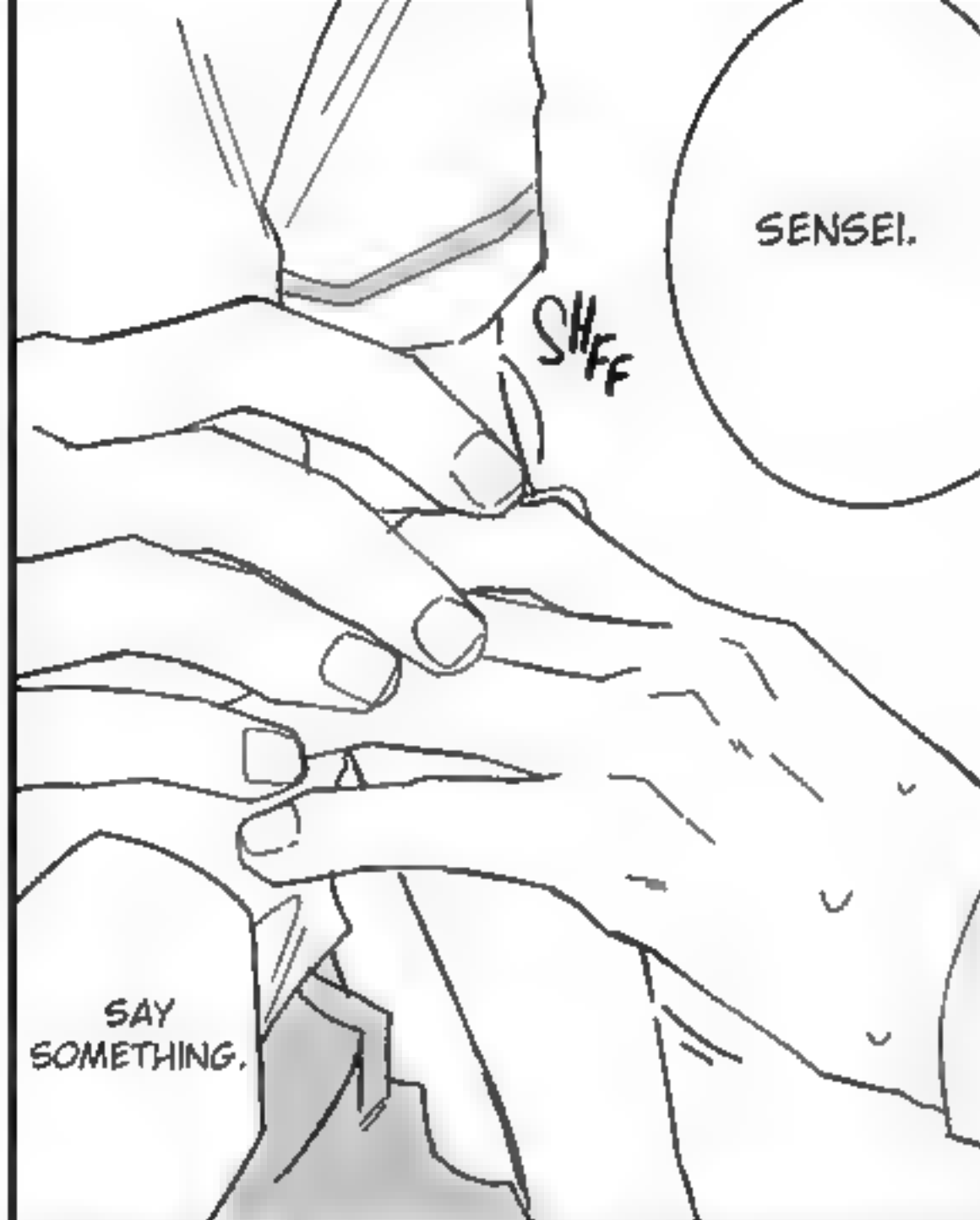




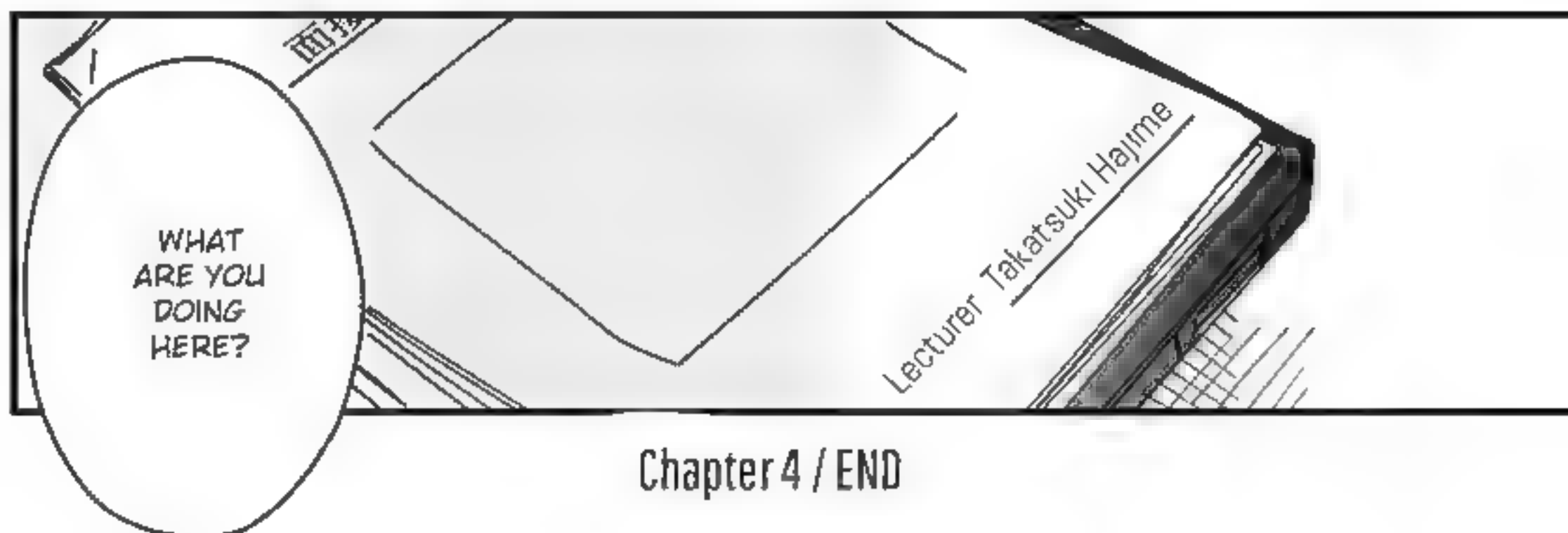


Be a model teacher to him.

That's the best I can do.









I DIDN'T
PLAN TO TAKE
UP THAT MUCH
TIME.

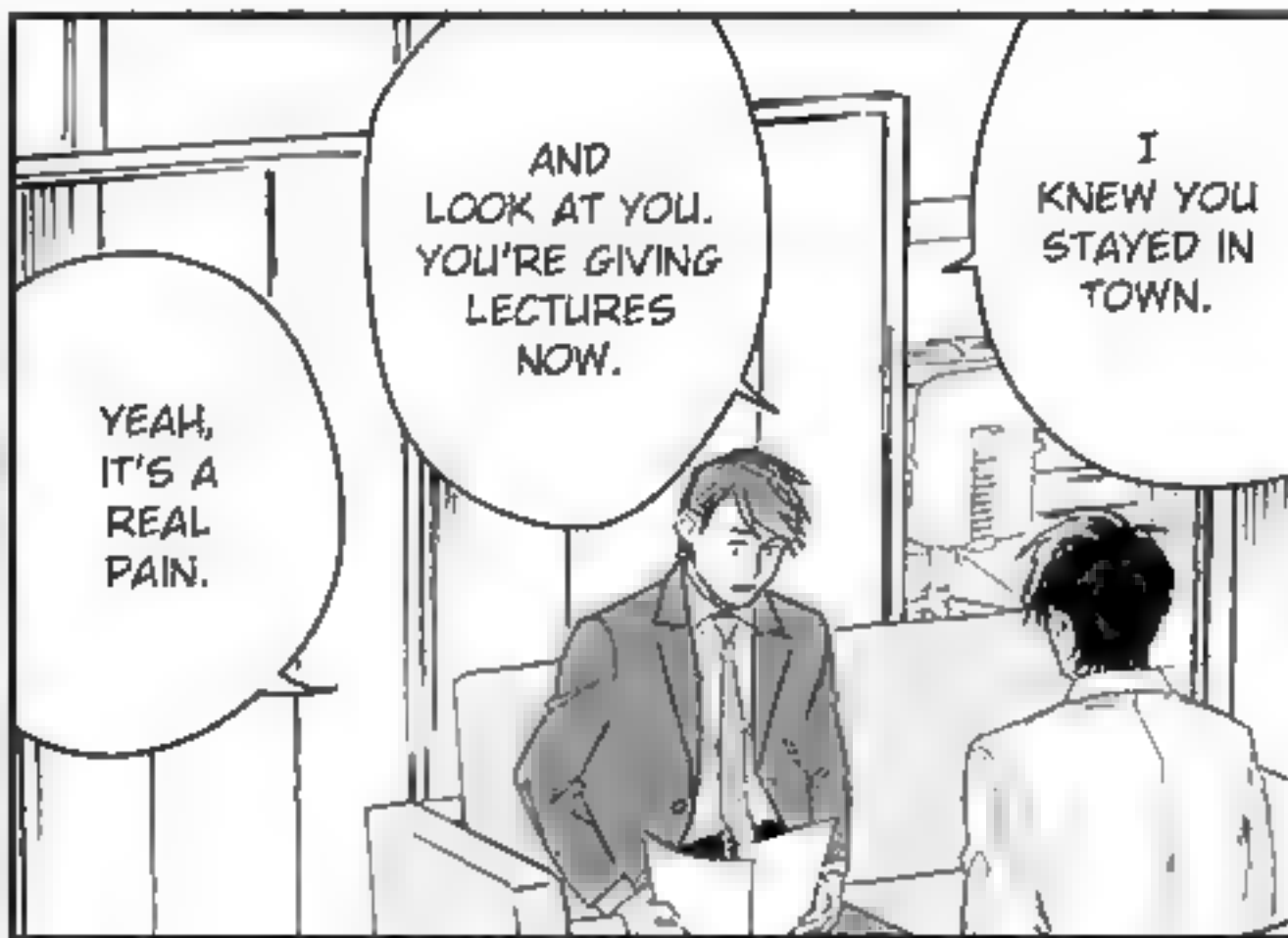


Chapter 5

I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU NOTICED I
WAS HERE.



ANYWAY,



YEAH,
IT'S A
REAL
PAIN.

I
KNEW YOU
STAYED IN
TOWN.





...REALLY?

Level-headed?



I SEE.

YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED
A BIT.

Very
level-headed.



Really?

To me,
you were cool.
It seemed
like you were
mature and
past those
things.



FREEZE

EVEN
DURING
OUR
SCHOOL
DAYS!
WHEN WE
WERE ALL
TALKING ABOUT
RELATIONSHIPS,
YOU WOULDN'T
JOIN IN.



Kick

BECAUSE
I LIKED
YOU, BACK
THEN.
AND I
WAS JUST
DESPERATELY
TRYING TO
HIDE IT.



I liked you,
but that
was it.



However,

that's
not the
case with
Endou.



Well,

HE'S MY
STUDENT. AND
A GUY.

TWITCH



UM...

BUT WHAT
ARE YOU
GONNA DO
NOW?

YOU
HAVEN'T
GIVEN
HIM AN
ANSWER
YET.









HNGH.

GOOD
MORNING.



YEAH.

YOUR CLASS
IS DOING A
CAFE?



IT
SURE
DOES.

YES,

I still don't
know how
I'm going
to break it
to Endou.

REALLY?



DOES IT
LOOK GOOD
ON ME?



Time is
ticking.

DD

BUT HOW
SHOULD I
TURN HIM
DOWN?



NICE.



OH,

SENSEI?



PAT

GOOD
LUCK WITH
PREPARA-
TIONS.



SORRY, I
ZONED OUT A
BIT.



SENSEI...

GRAB



...IS IT
ABOUT
COLLEGE?

THE
GUIDANCE
ROOM WON'T
BE AVAILABLE
UNTIL AFTER
THE FESTIVAL
ENDS.



THERE'S
SOMETHING I
NEED TO TALK
TO YOU ABOUT.



I'D
RATHER
DO IT
WHERE
PEOPLE
AREN'T
AROUND.



THEN YOU
COULD TELL
ME HERE.

IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE
THERE.



IS IT A
SENSITIVE
TOPIC?

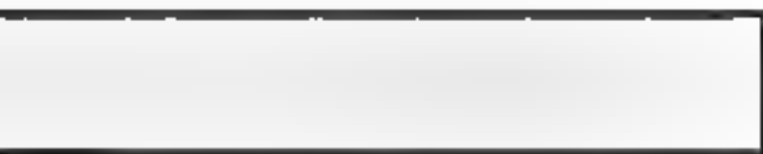
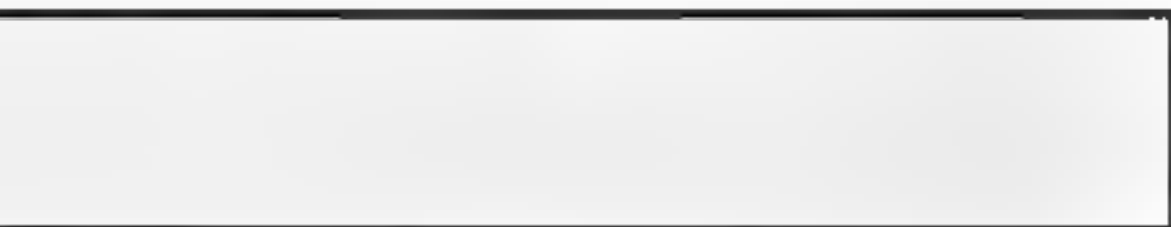


SORRY,
I'LL
SEE YOU
LATER.



NO, I
MEAN
JUST
THE TWO
OF US...

HONDA-
SENSEI.





THANK
YOU.



I'LL GO
GET SOME
FROM THE
EQUIPMENT
ROOM.



WE'RE
OUT OF
DECORATIVE
FABRIC.



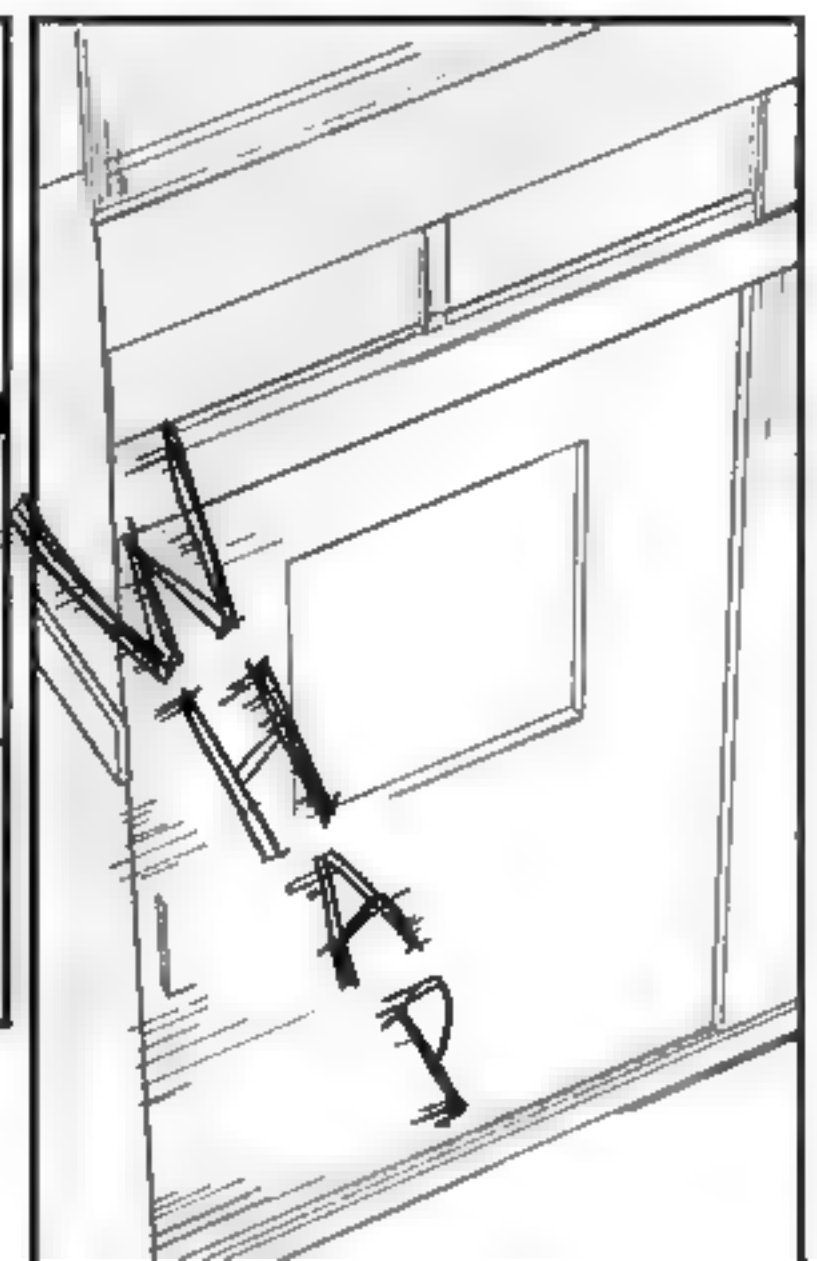
I HOPE
EVERYTHING
ENDS...



...WITH NO
INCIDENTS.



THERE
AREN'T THAT
MANY PEOPLE
AROUND HERE.





NOW WE
CAN TALK.

ENDOLI?

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?





I'M
HONORED
THAT YOU
LIKE ME,



BUT...



...OR PLAY
AROUND
WITH US
ADULTS.

YOU
SHOULDN'T
TEASE...



I'M NOT
TEASING...

...OR
PLAYING
AROUND.



BUT WHY ARE
AVOIDING WHAT
I HAVE TO
SAY NOW?



REMEMBER
WHAT I SAID
AWHILE BACK?



YOU
ALWAYS
LISTEN TO
EVERYTHING
THAT I HAVE
TO SAY.



SENSEI.



I haven't
been able
to get my
thoughts in
order yet.

DO YOU
NOT WANT TO
TALK TO ME
ANYMORE?

DO YOU
HATE ME?

No.

IS IT
BECAUSE I'M
A STUDENT?



SORRY.



then I
wouldn't
be having
these
feelings

And if we had
not met as
student and
teacher,

It's
because
you're a
student

I...

I could never
hate you,

when you
so willingly
accepted
me.

Clench



No
matter how
transparent
his feelings
are,

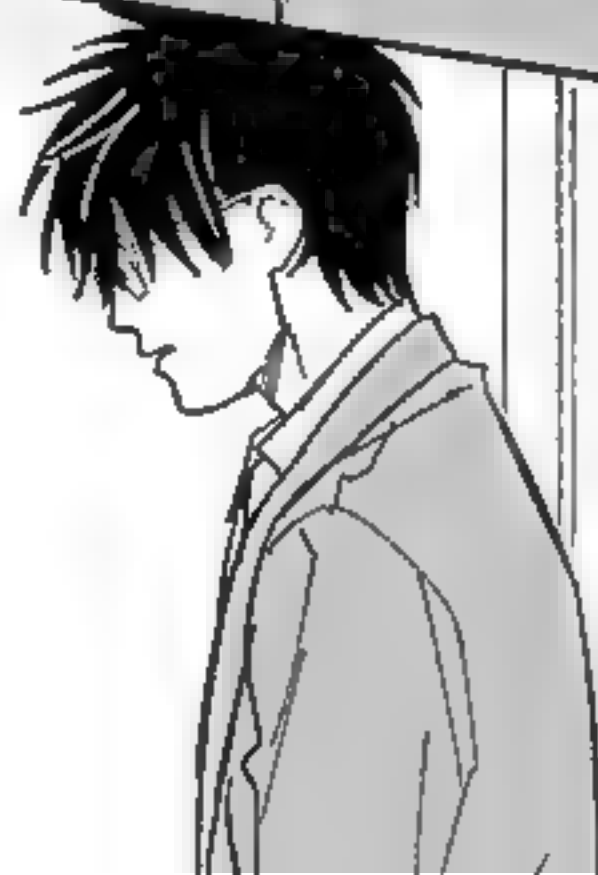


As a
teacher, I
need to put
up a good
front.



I DON'T
SEE YOU...

...IN THAT
WAY.





Just
because I
was born
ten years
earlier,

AND
TWO,

I'M NOT
GAY.

and I
have to
watch you
through
the lens of
a mature
adult.





I'M
GRATEFUL
YOU FEEL
THIS WAY
TOWARDS
ME.



BUT I'M
SURE THIS
WILL BECOME
A FUN STORY
TO TELL IN THE
FUTURE.



WHAT THE
HELL...

...DOES
THAT
EVEN
MEAN?

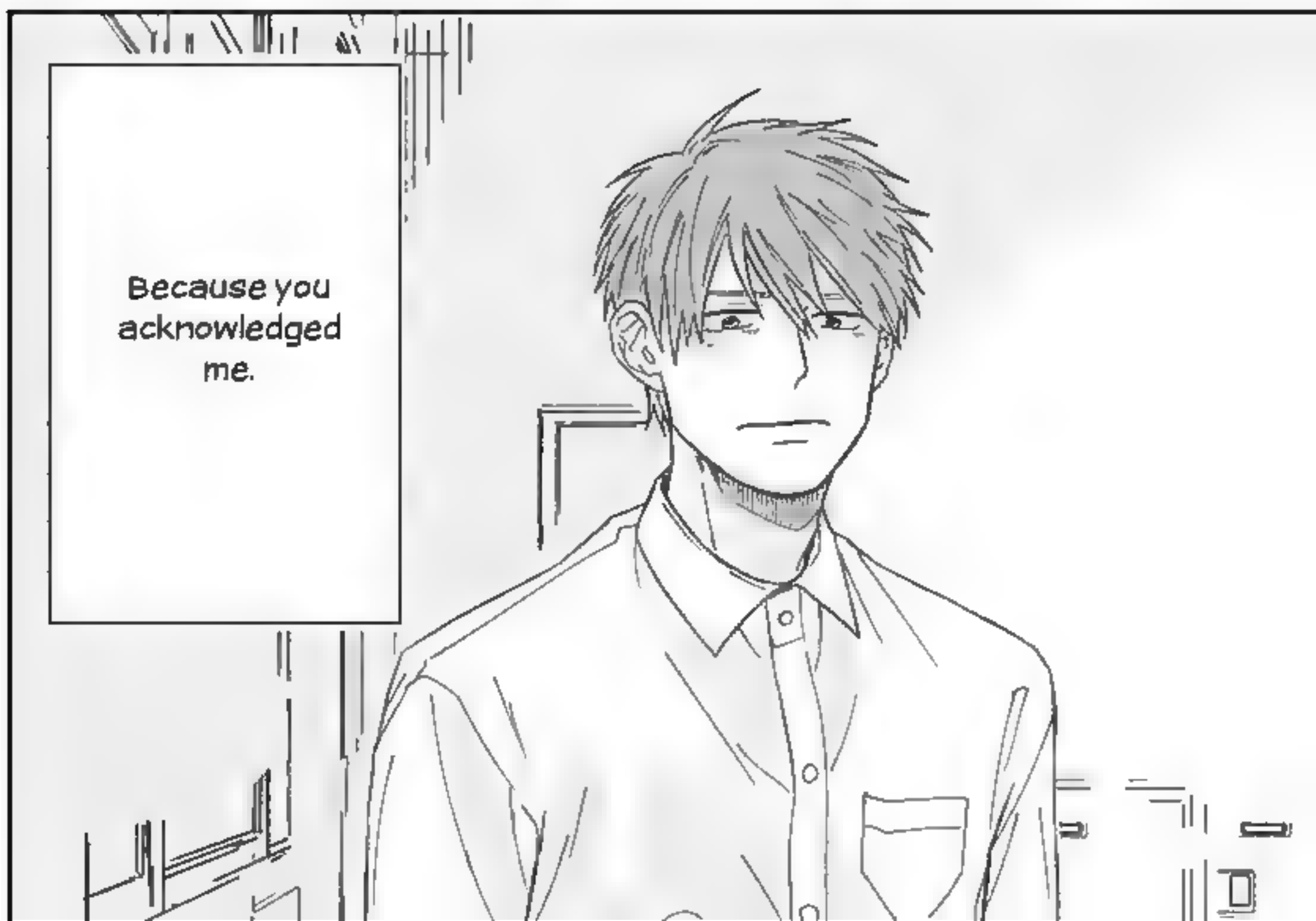
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG



I...

...WASN'T
GAY EITHER.











Chapter 5 / END

Before Tsuji-sensei Handed
Endou-kun off to Honda-sensei



Chapter 6

YOU'RE THE
STUDENT I MET
LAST TIME.

...YEAH.



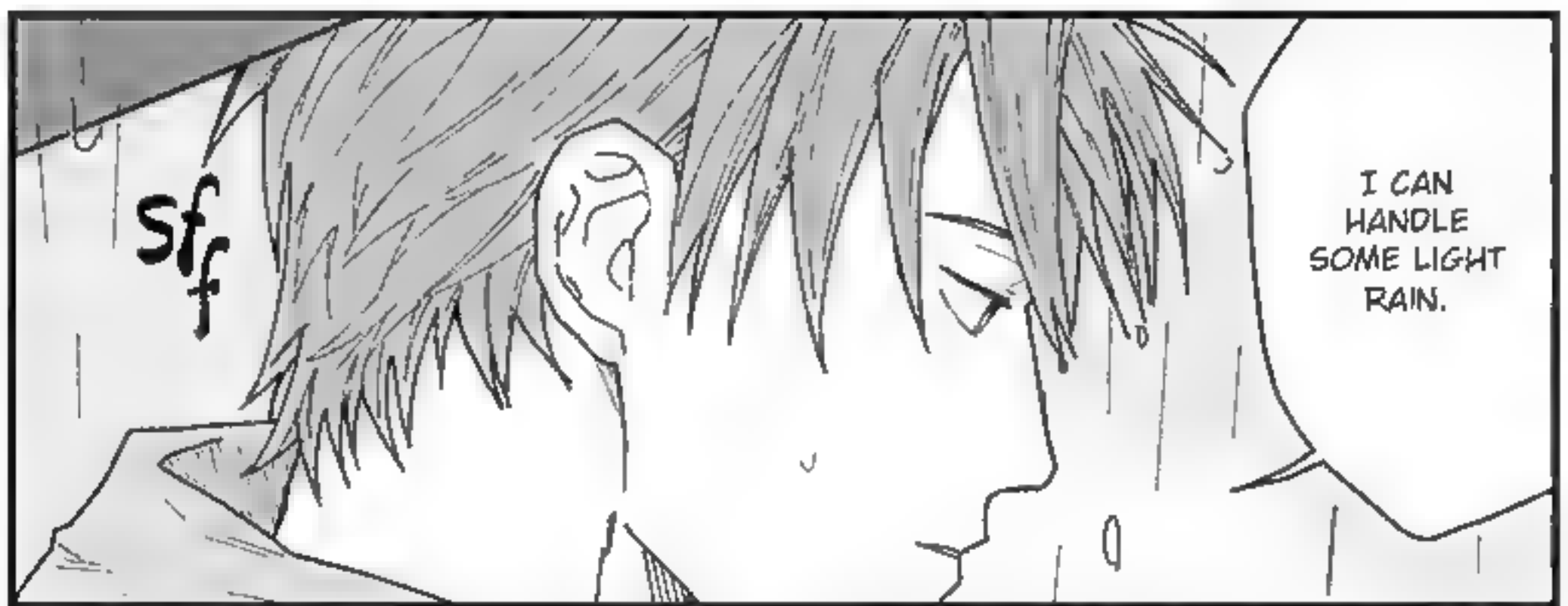
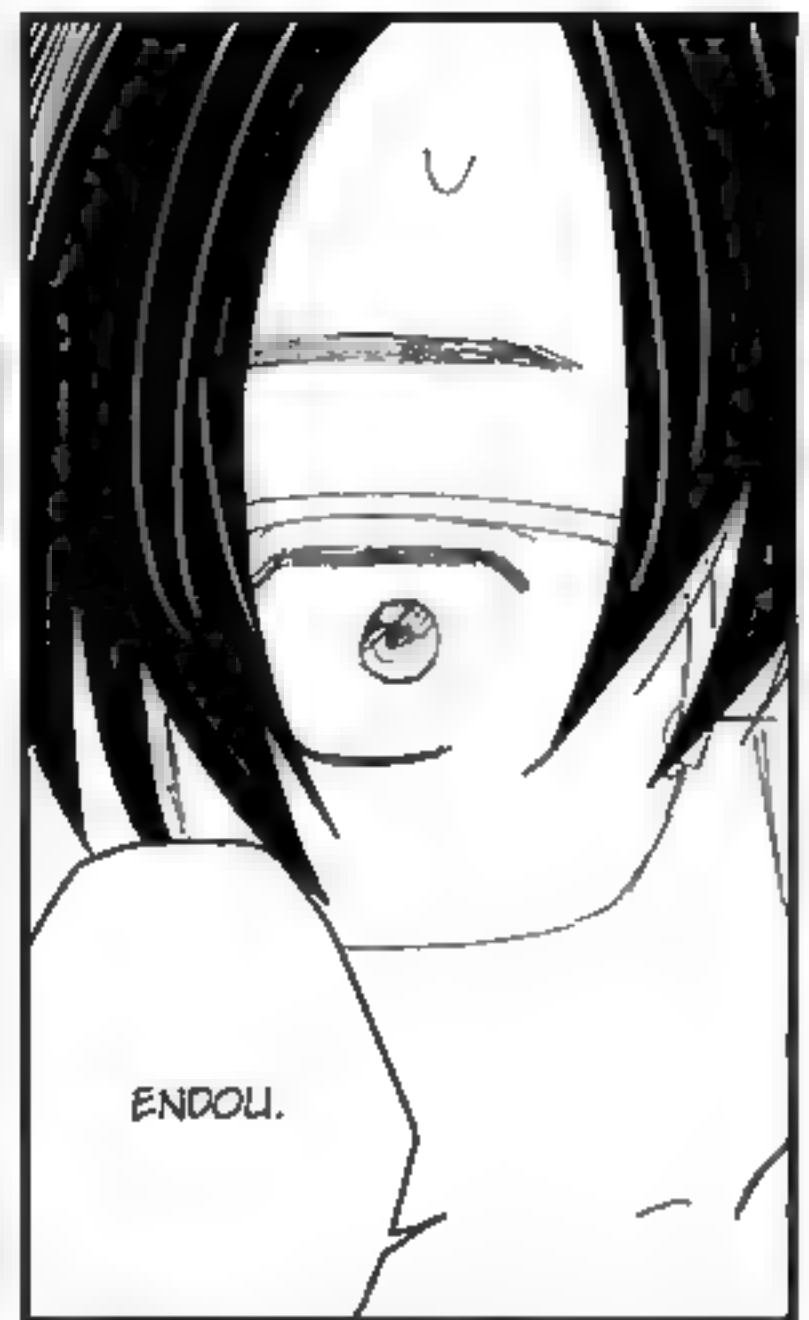


















THANKS,
SENSEI.

For walking
me back.



I'LL WALK
YOU HOME.



TAKE CARE.

OKAY.

YOU BETTER
GET IN QUICK.
IT'S COLD
OUT HERE.



SENSEI...

Hah.

I
SHOULD
HAVE
EXPECTED
AS MUCH.



SO THAT
ENDED
UP BEING
OUR ONLY
EXCHANGE.

OKAY.







WHICH
MEANS,



IF WE
CAN, THEN
I WON'T...

...CAUSE YOU
ANY MORE
TROUBLE.



That'll be
our last...

...interaction.

Squeeze



WE CAN
DO THAT.



FINE.



...So why
does that
hurt?



Tap

I did the
right thing,
didn't I?

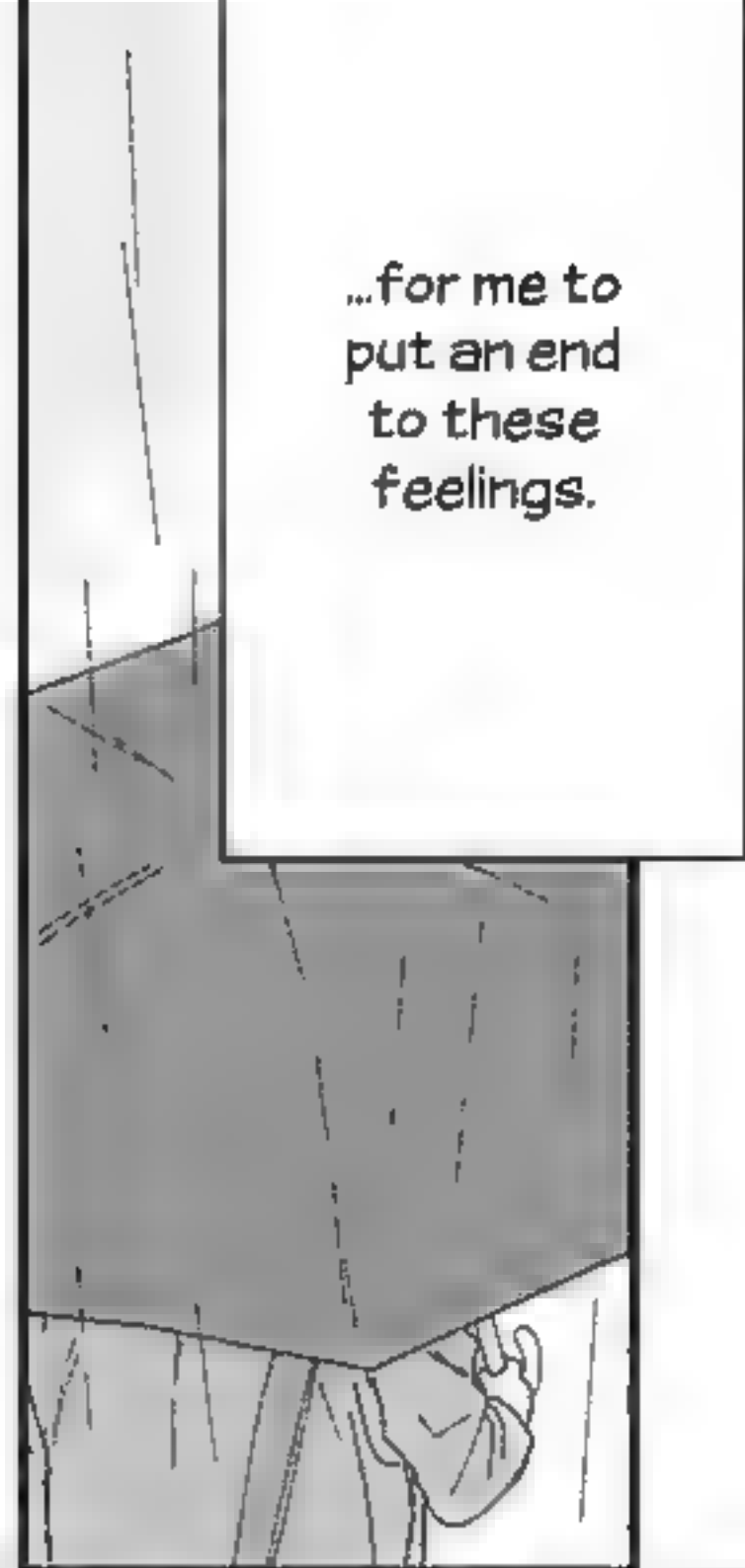
This is
also the
perfect
chance...



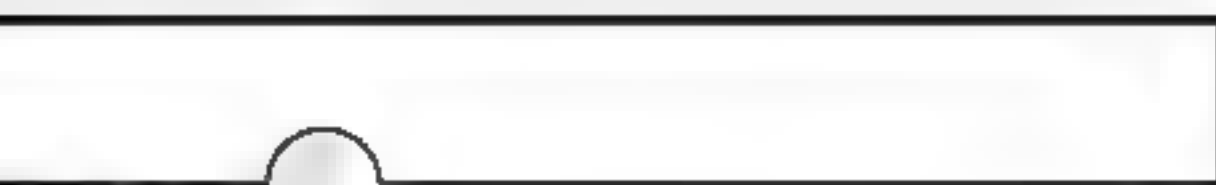
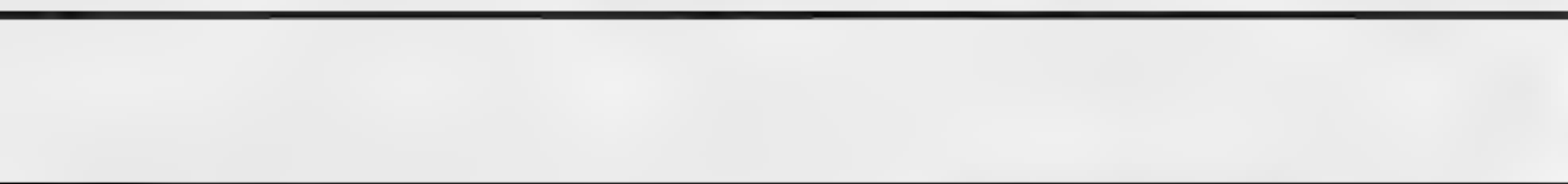
S-SURE.

THANKS
FOR
ACCEPTING.

Bow



...for me to
put an end
to these
feelings.

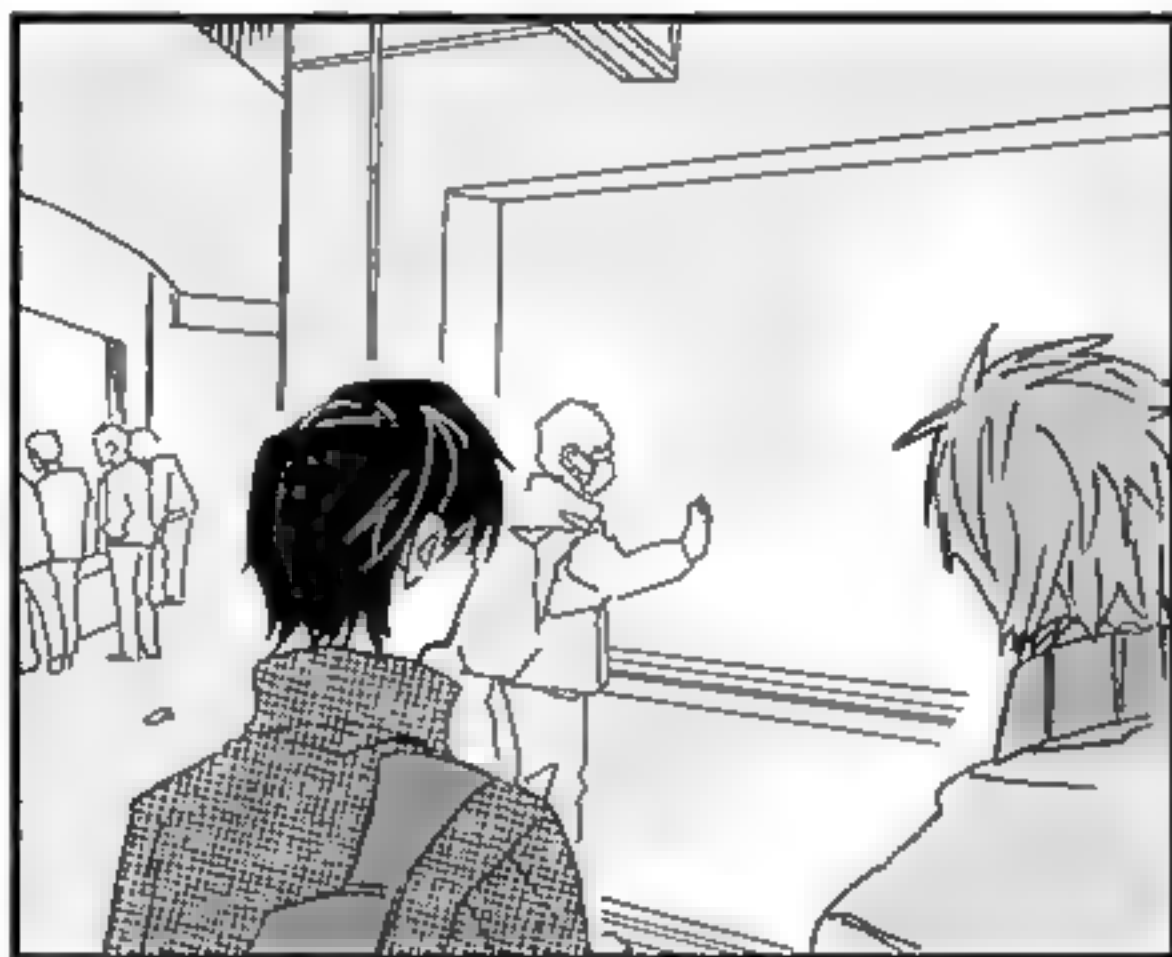














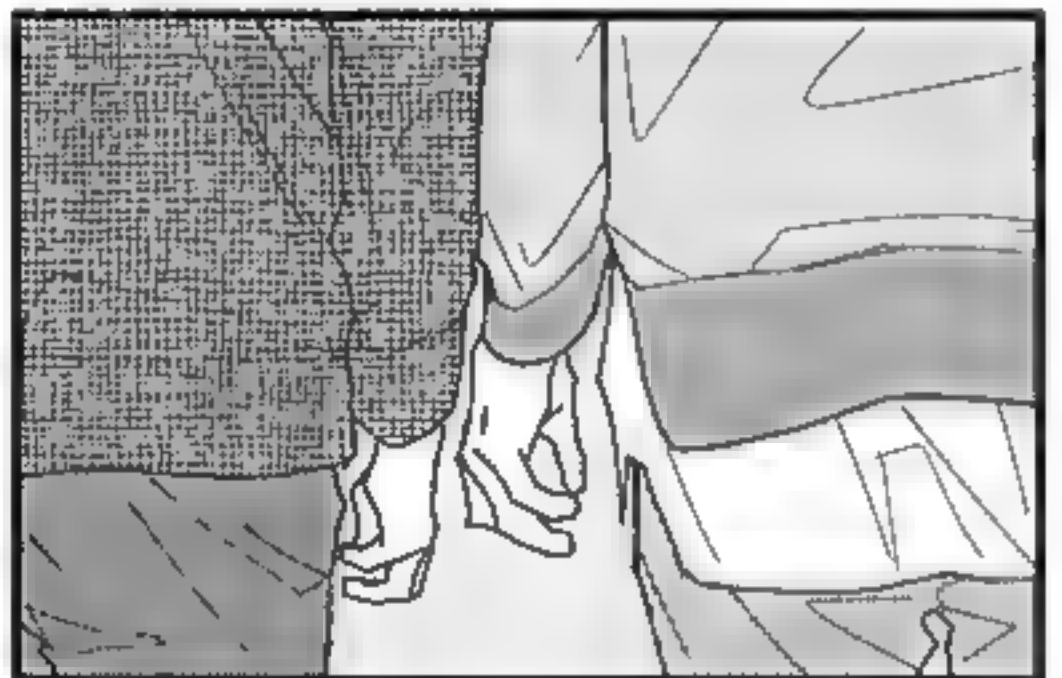


When I
see that,

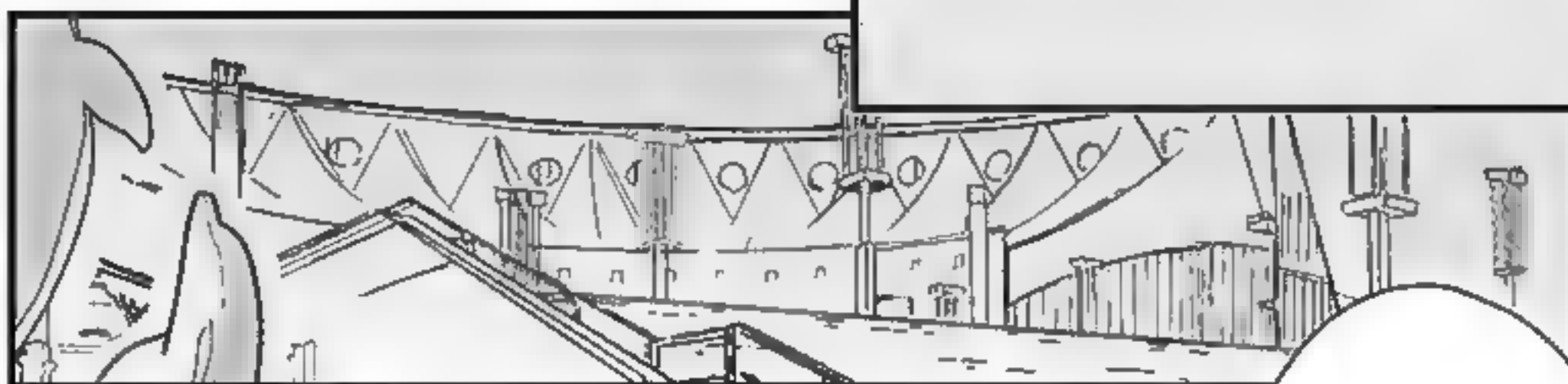


then my heart
subconsciously
gravitates to
him.



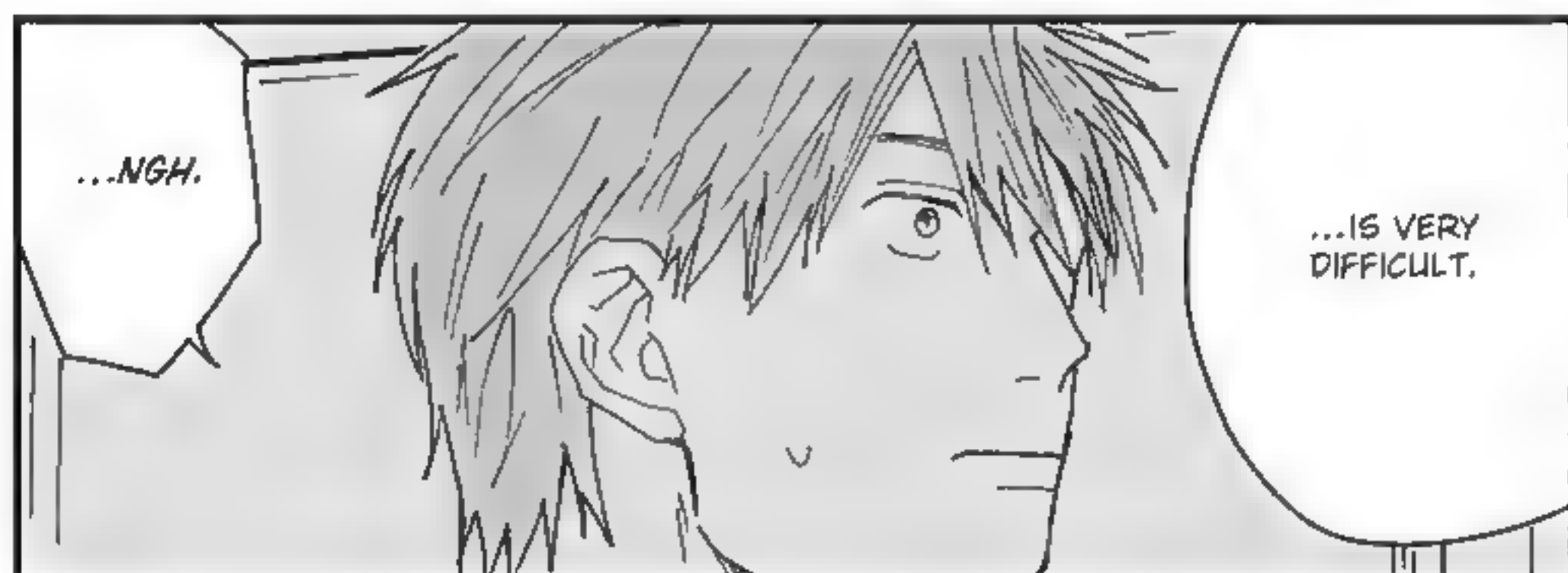














THEN
WHY...

NO, YOU-

DID I MAKE YOU
UNCOMFORTABLE?

...DID
YOU LIE?

NO.

SENSEI.





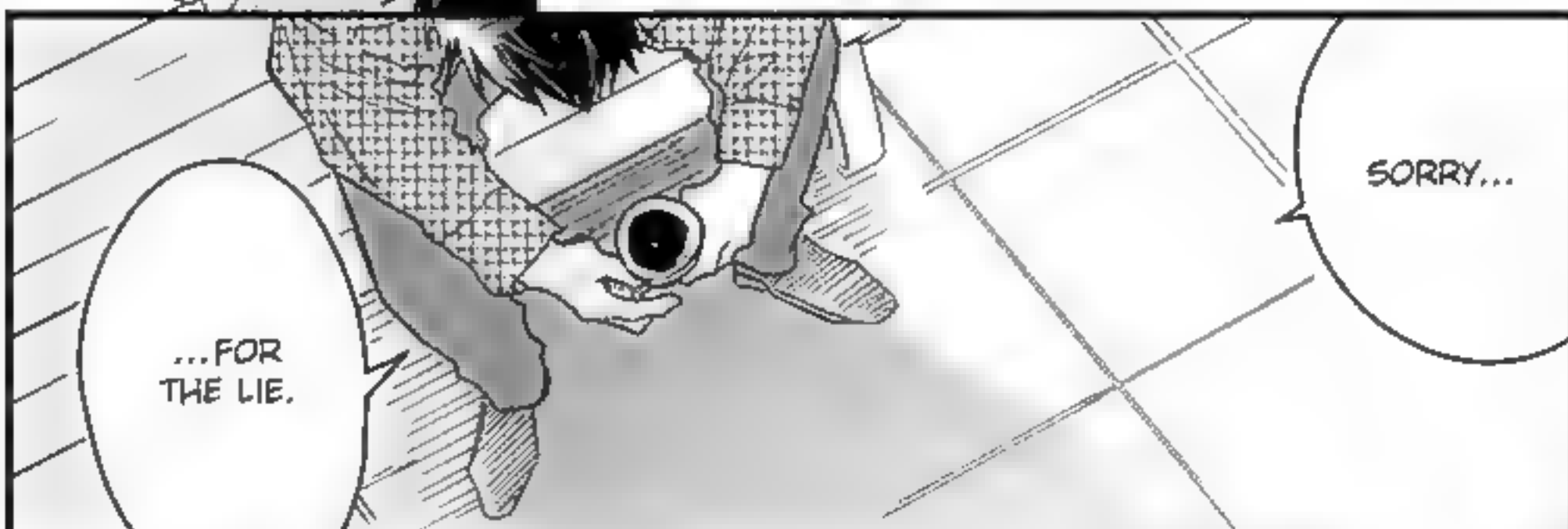
Chapter 7

WHY
DIDN'T YOU
TELL ME?

WAS
TAKATSUKI-SAN,
WASN'T IT?

THE PERSON
YOU TALKED
ABOUT BEFORE,

"I HAD
SOMEONE
KEEP IN HIGH
SCHOOL"



...FOR
THE LIE.

SORRY...



NGH.

YOU
SHOULD
JUST TELL
ME THAT
YOU HATE
ME.



Haha.

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
TURN ME
DOWN,





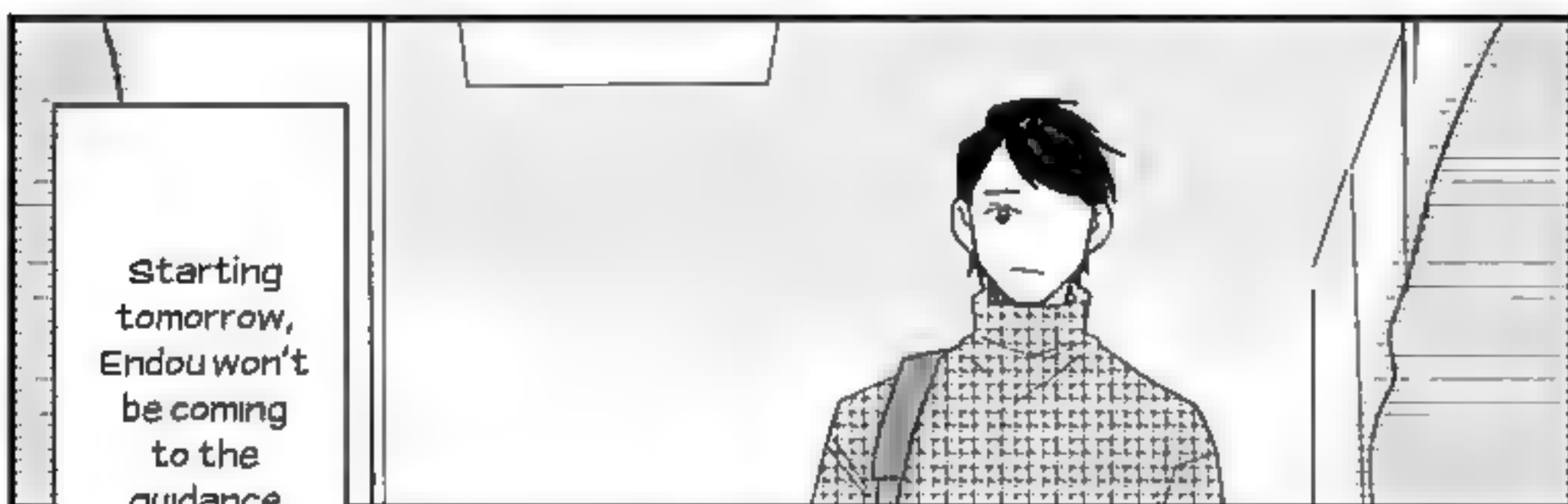
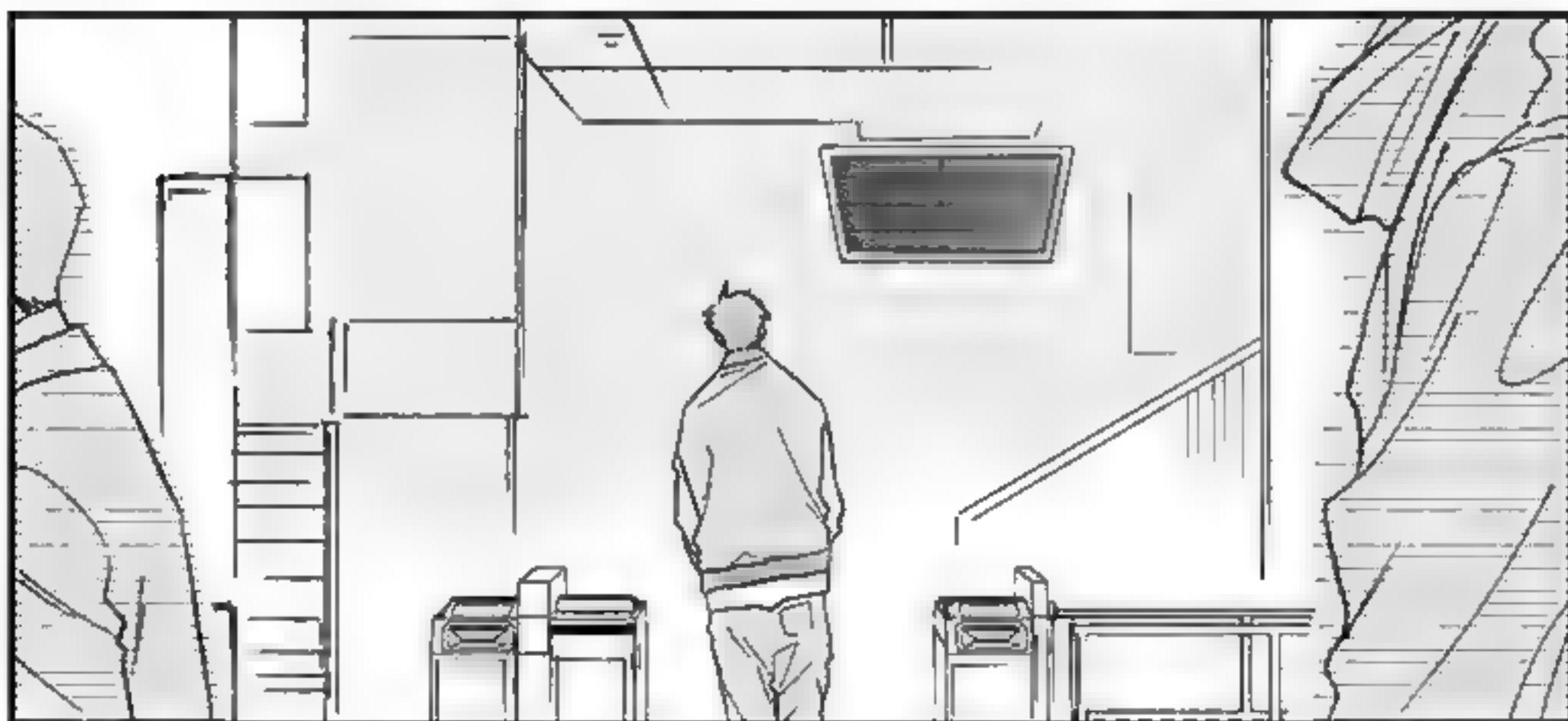
SEE
YOU AT
SCHOOL.



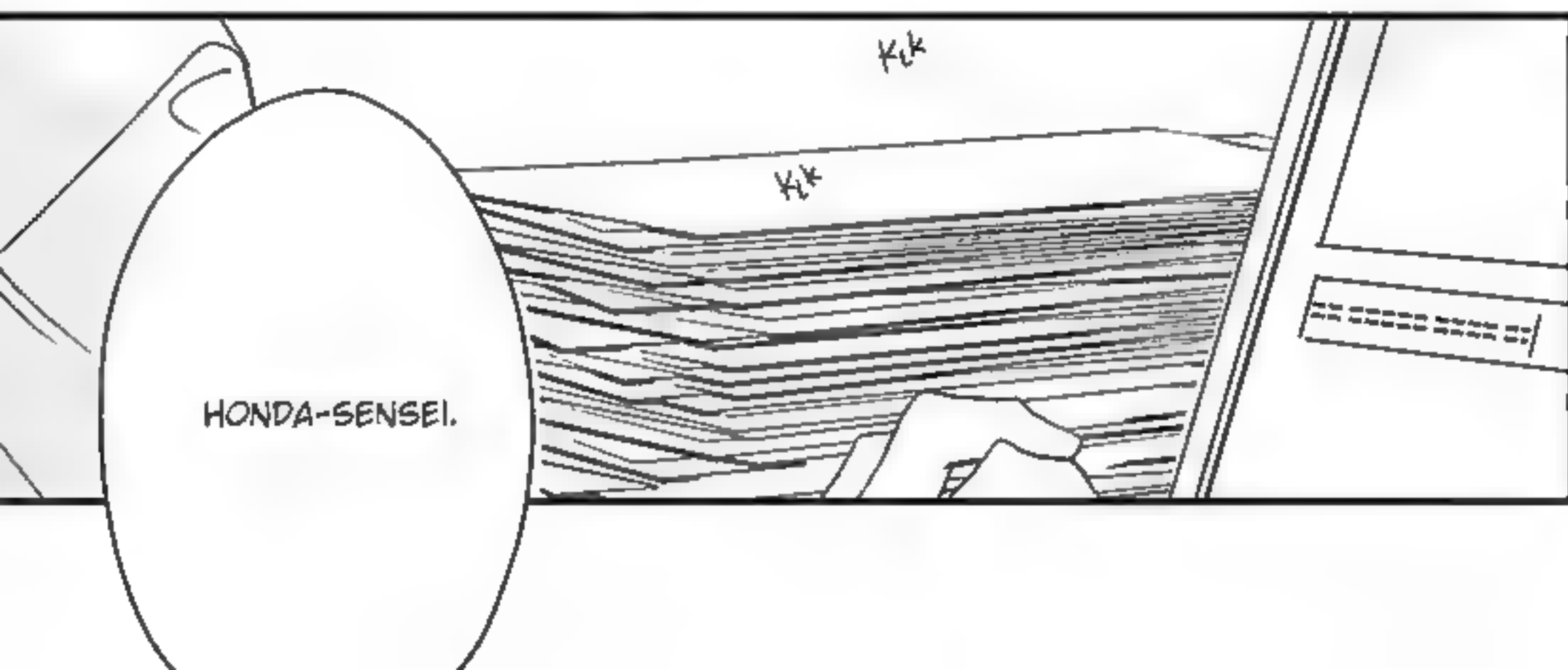
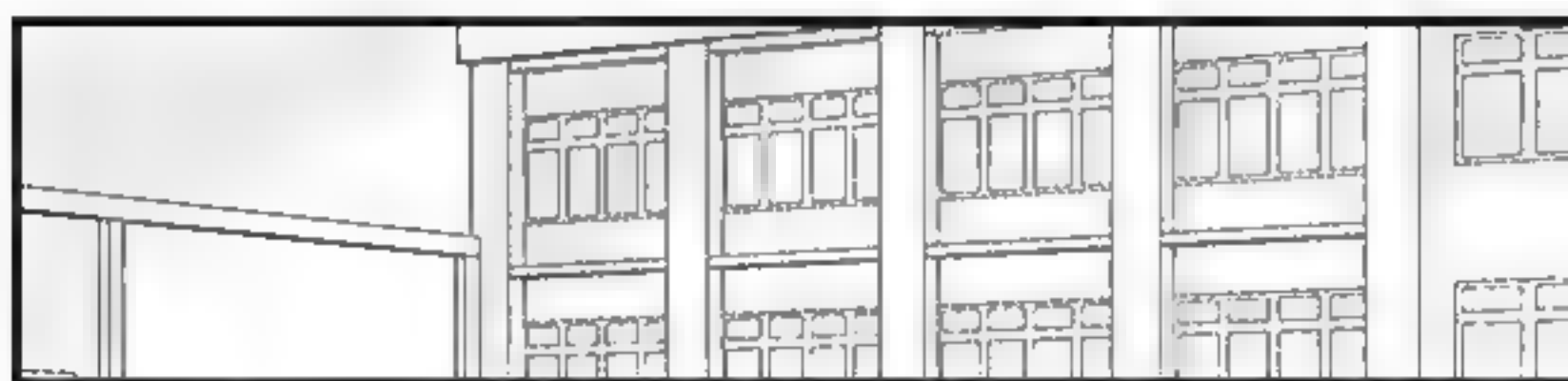
THEN I'LL
SEE YOU AT
SCHOOL.



And now,



Starting tomorrow, Endou won't be coming to the guidance room.

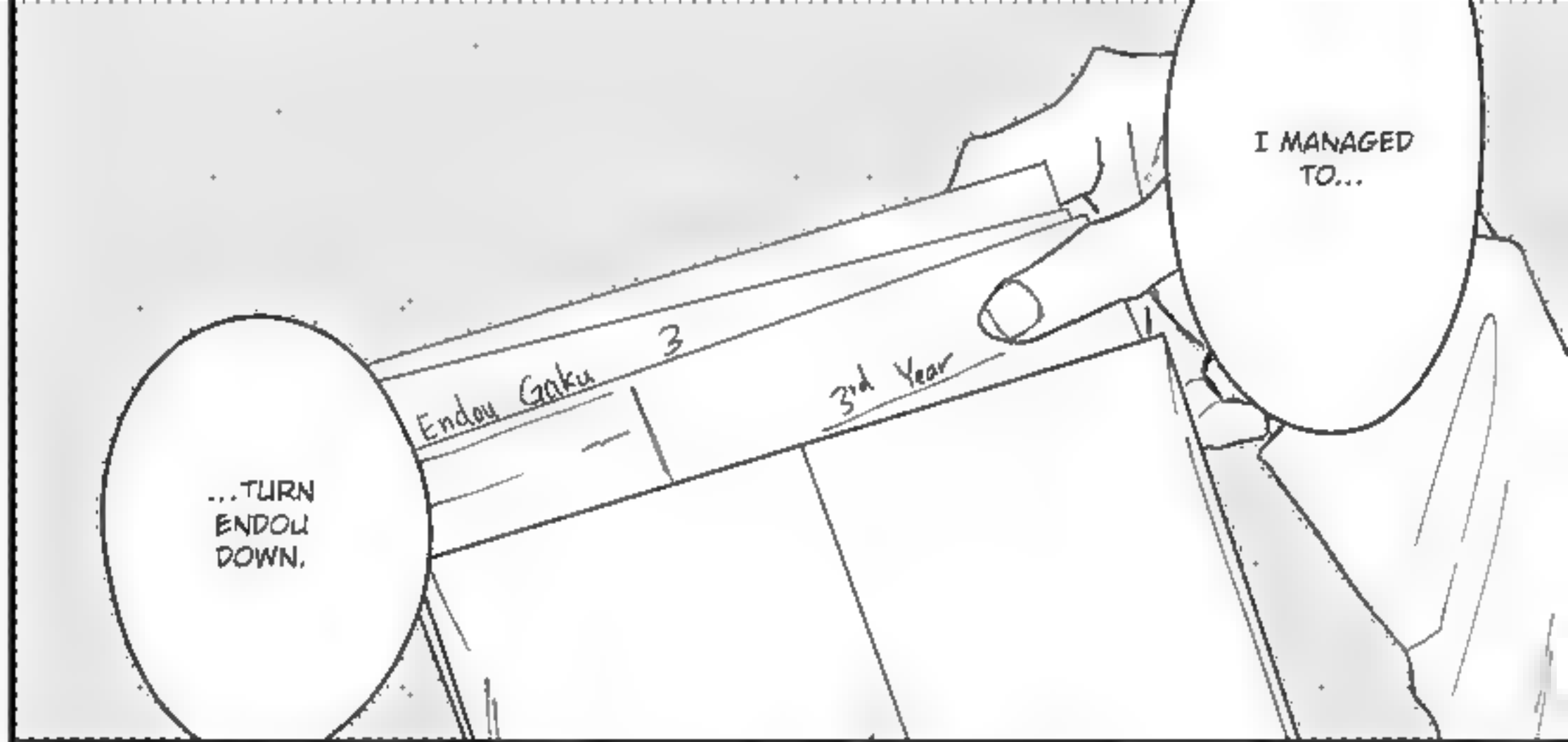














I'M SURE YOU HAD
YOUR THOUGHTS.



HONDA...

BACK WHEN
WE WERE STUDENTS,
I ALWAYS THOUGHT
YOU HAD THIS INVISIBLE
LINE DRAWN BETWEEN
YOU AND EVERYONE
ELSE.



BUT YOU
WOULD NEVER
VOICE THEM.

AND IT WAS
STRANGE.



THAT'S NOT
TRUE.



YOU REALLY
DON'T LET YOUR
EMOTIONS SHOW
ON YOUR FACE.

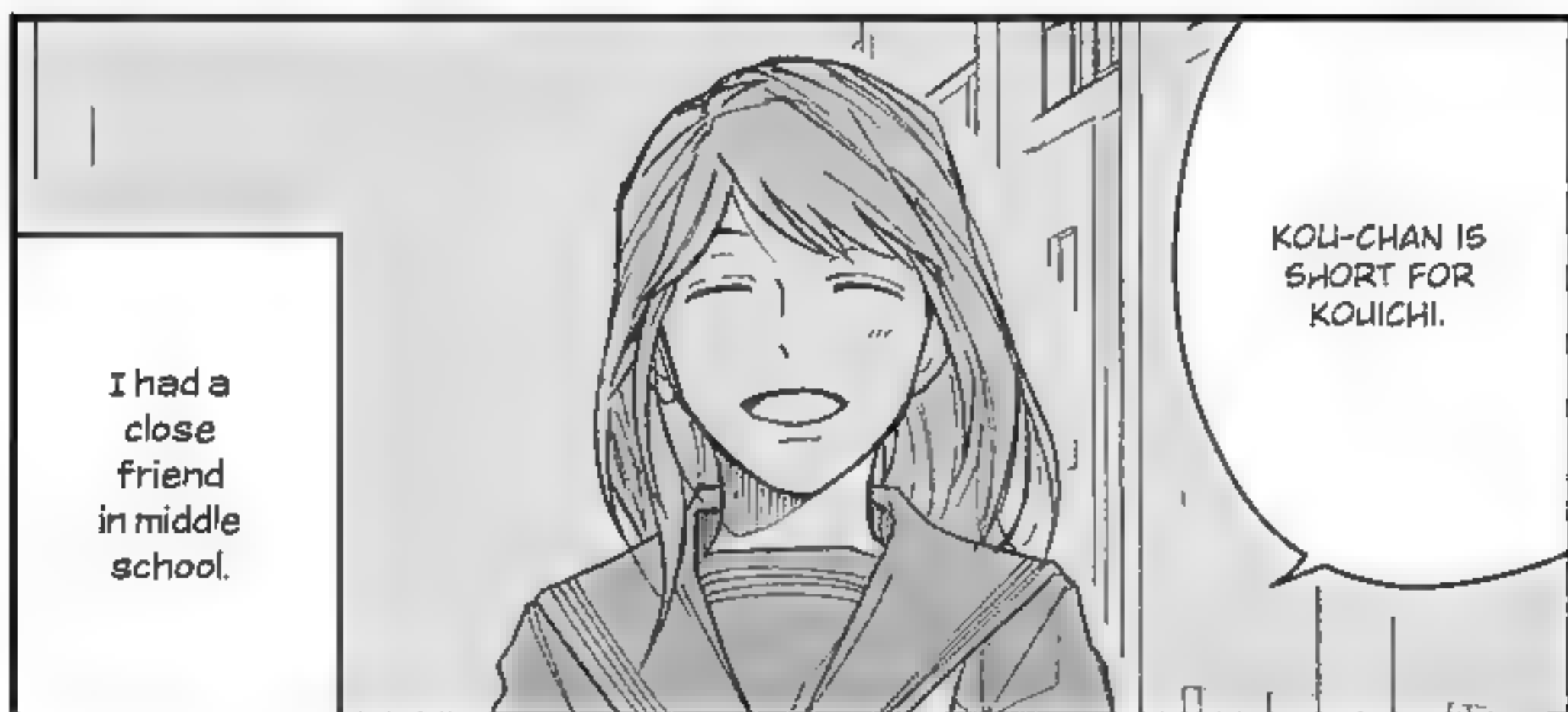


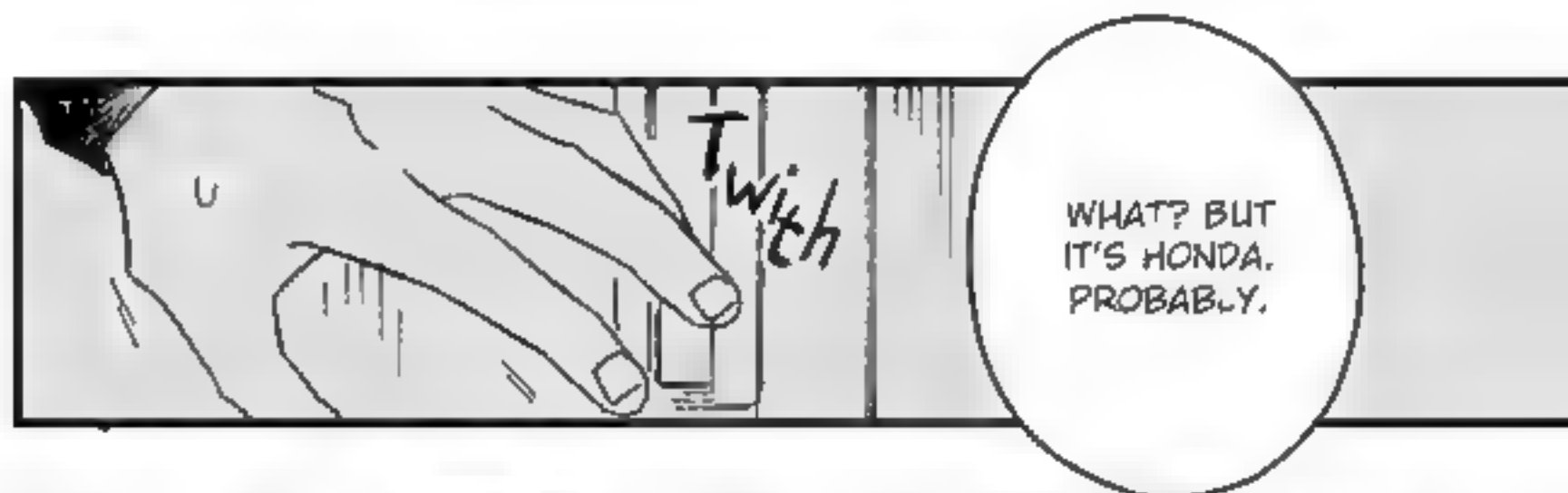
YEAH IT IS.

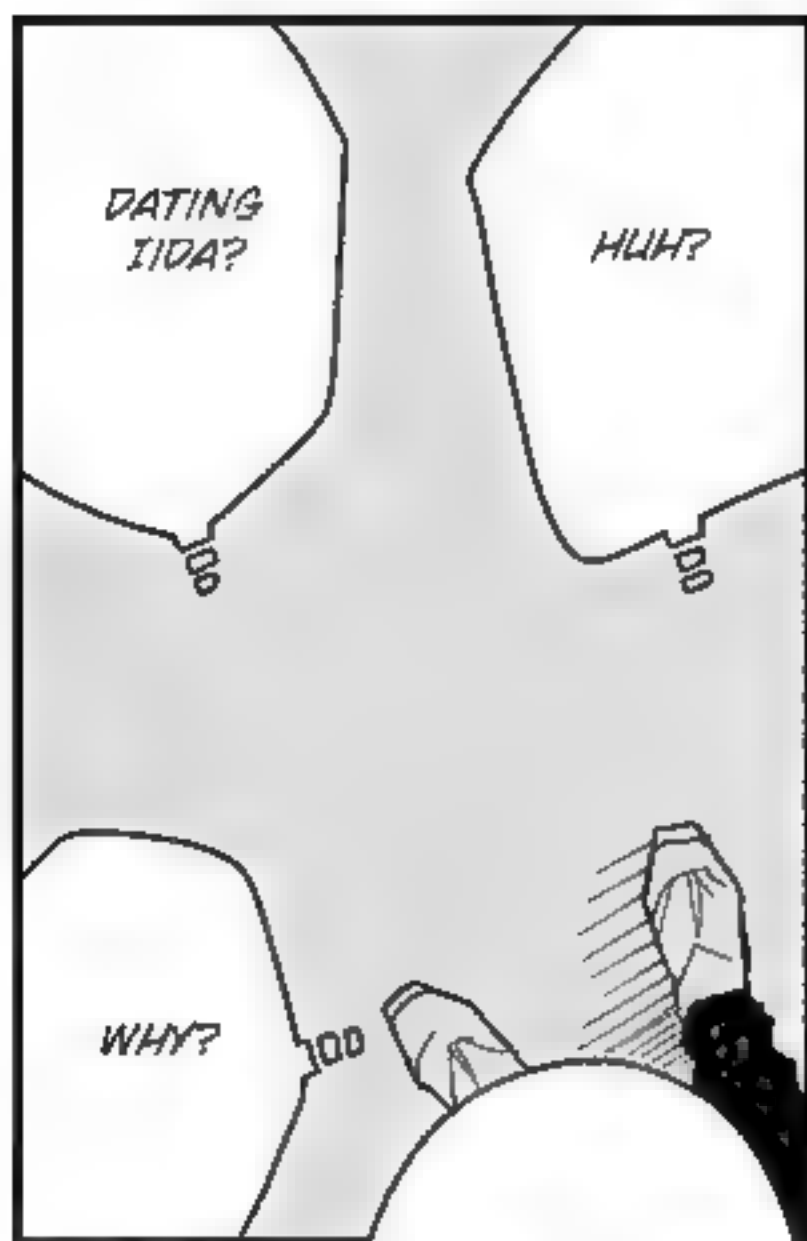


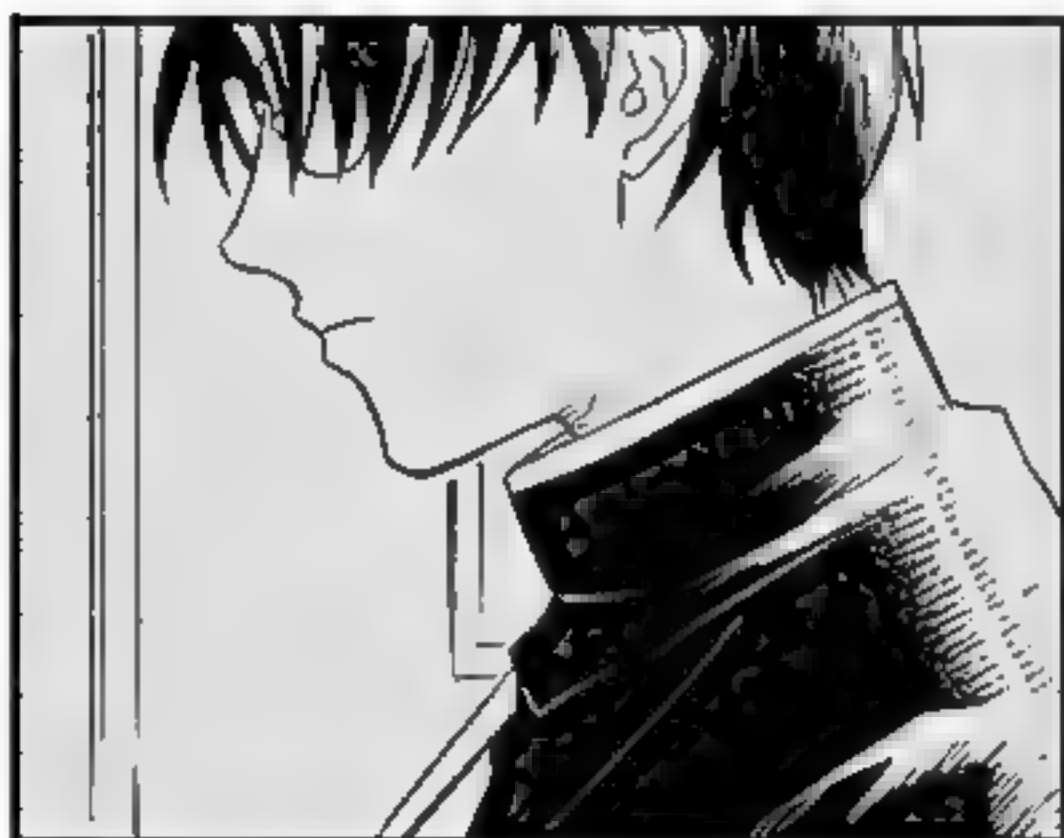
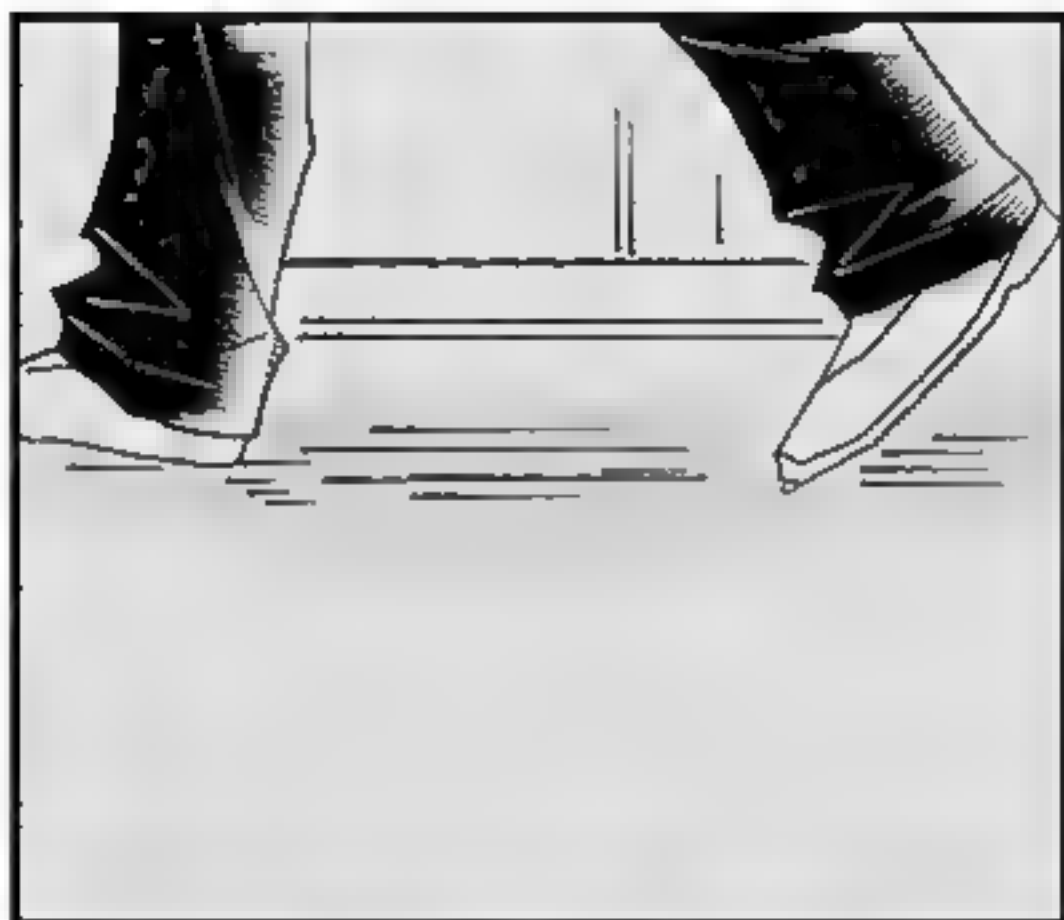












I only
found out
later...

HE DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE THE
KIND OF GUY
TO HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND.

THEN
WHAT DOES
HE LOOK
LIKE?

LIKE, HE LOVES
TO BE ALONE?

Hahaha.

And the
reason
Iida-san
approached
me was
because...

And all
their
goss'p
about
me...

That
they liked
Iida-san.

...was just
them being
jealous.

WHILE YOU...

DON'T SEEM
TO SEE ME
AS A GIRL.

BECAUSE GUYS
ALWAYS TALK
ABOUT WEIRD
THINGS.

SO THIS IS
HOW SHE
SEES ME.

YOU
DON'T SEEM
INTERESTED
IN LOVE OR
RELATIONSHIPS.



"He doesn't
look like the
kind of guy
who thinks
about love."

"He's
creepy"



I NEED
TO...

PLAY THE
ROLE...

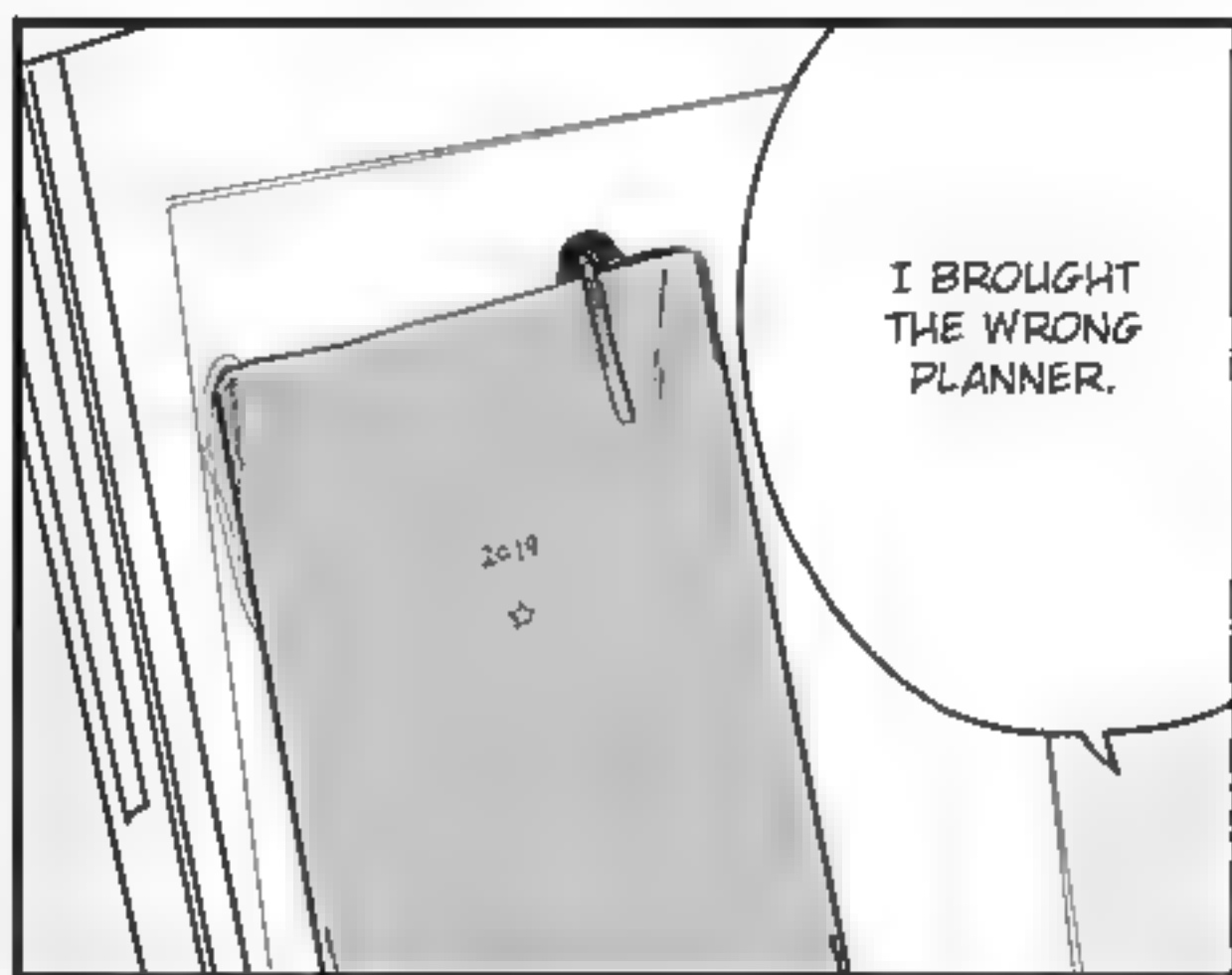
...PEOPLE
EXPECT ME
TO PLAY.

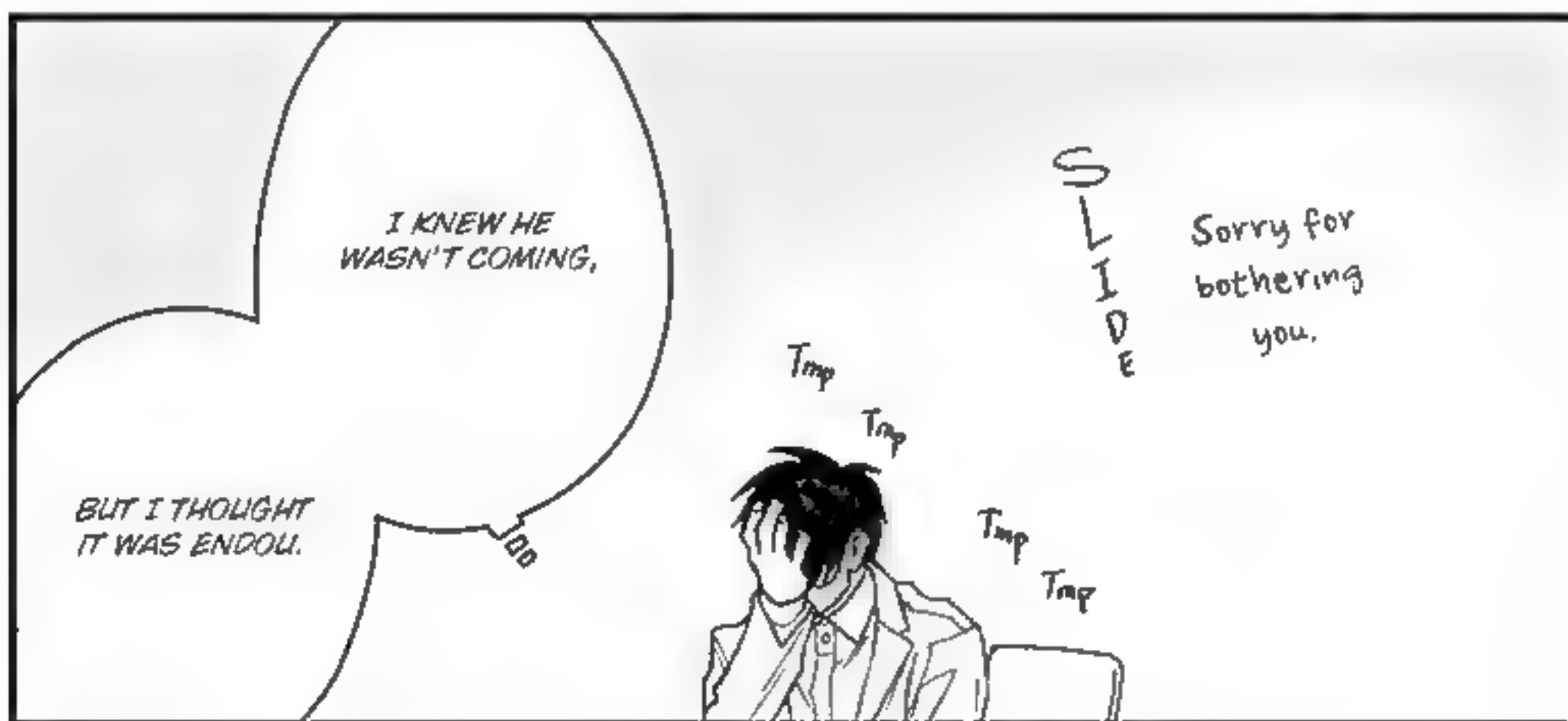
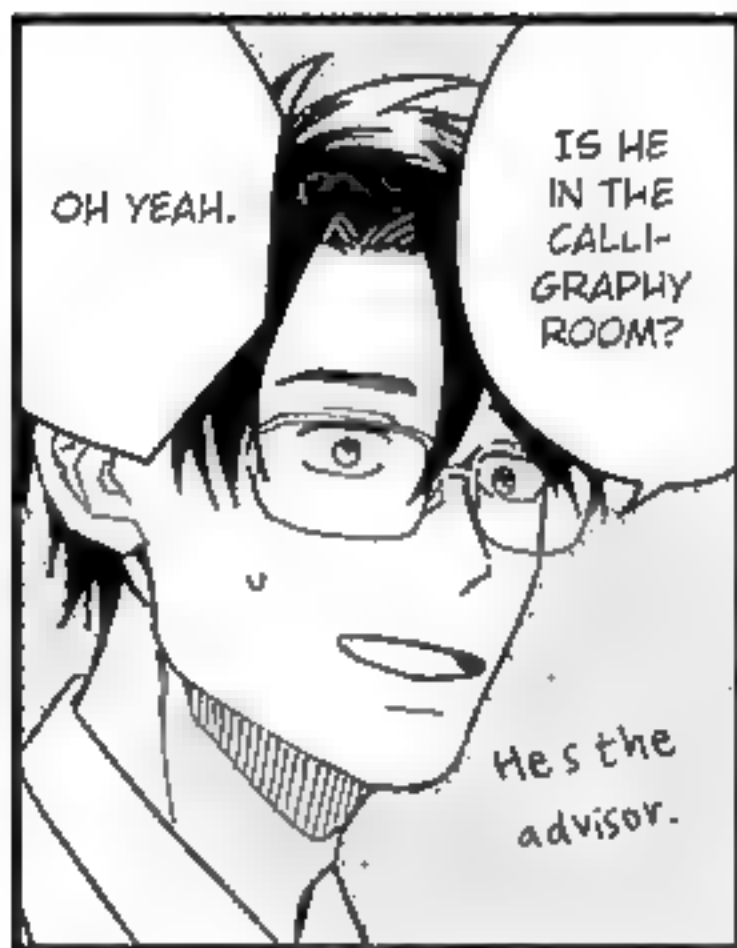
When I think
of it now,

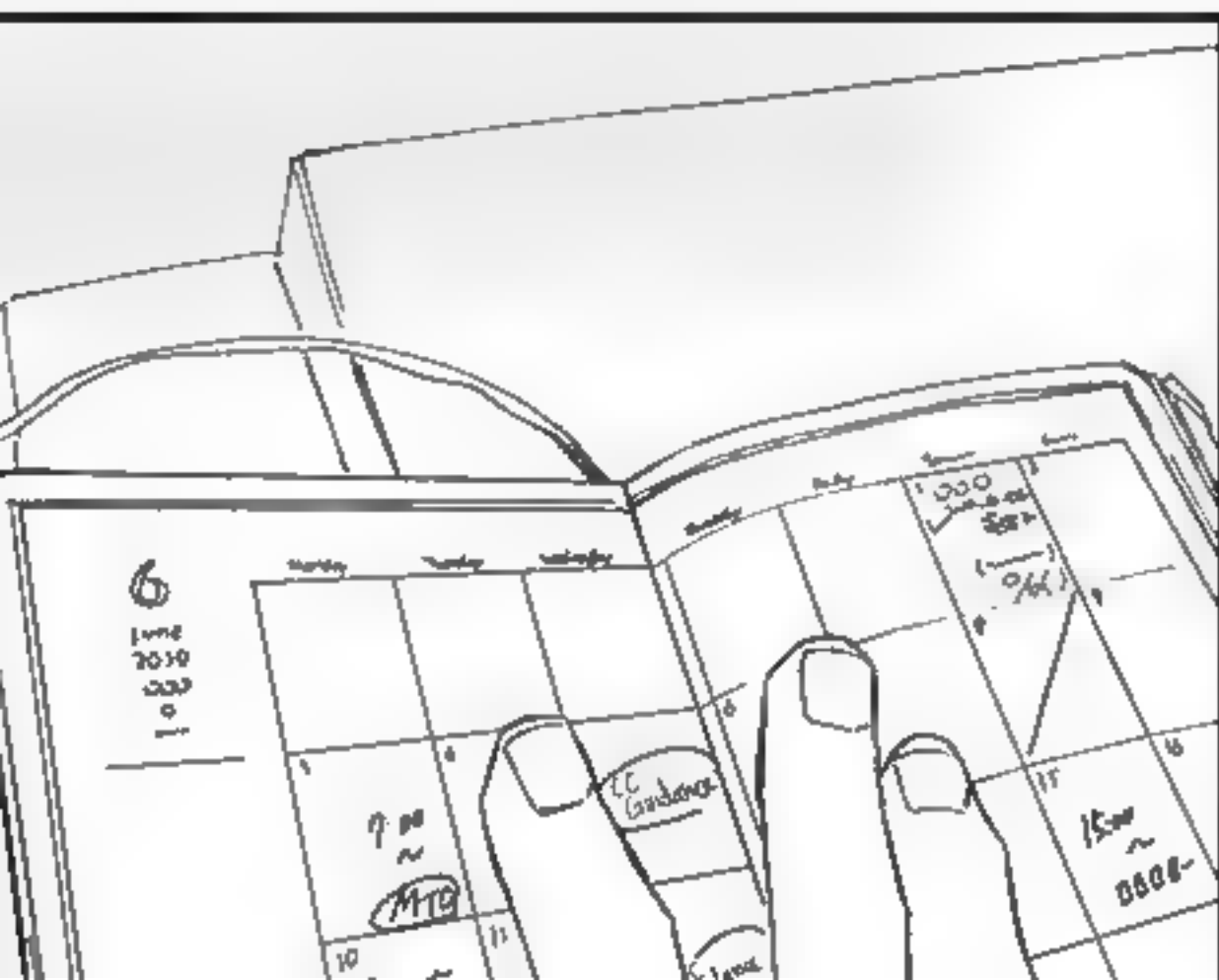
It wasn't
anything big
to be taken
seriously

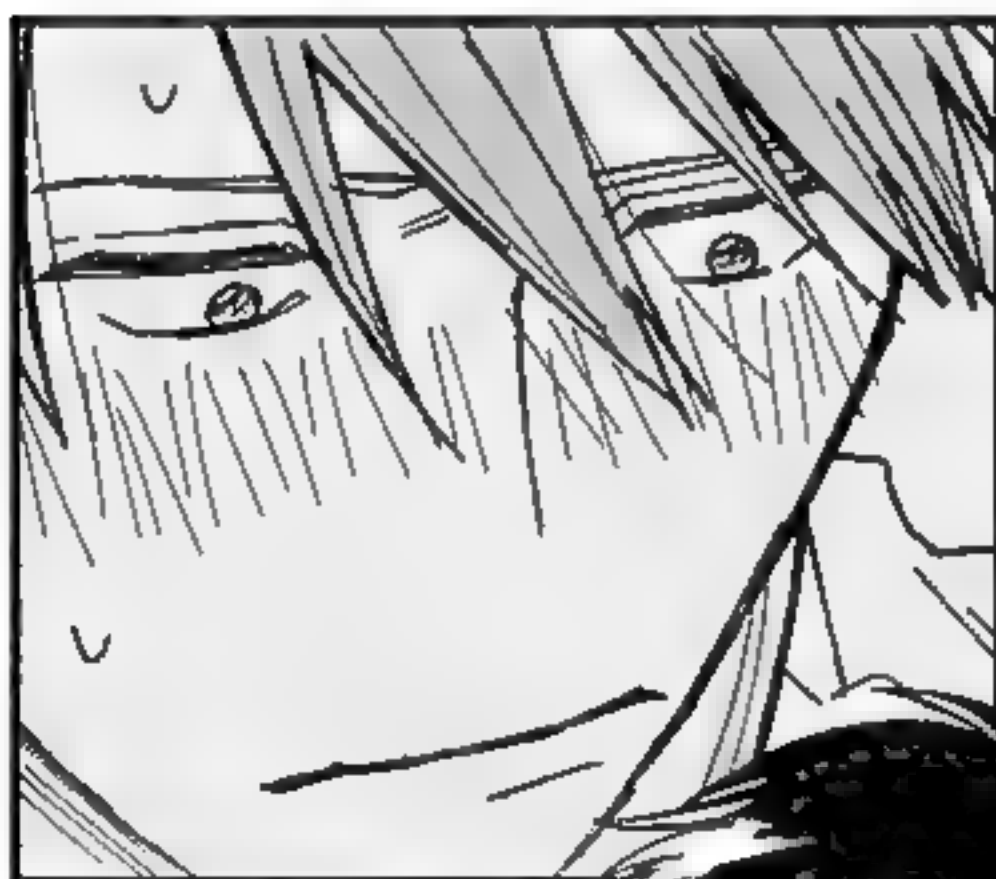
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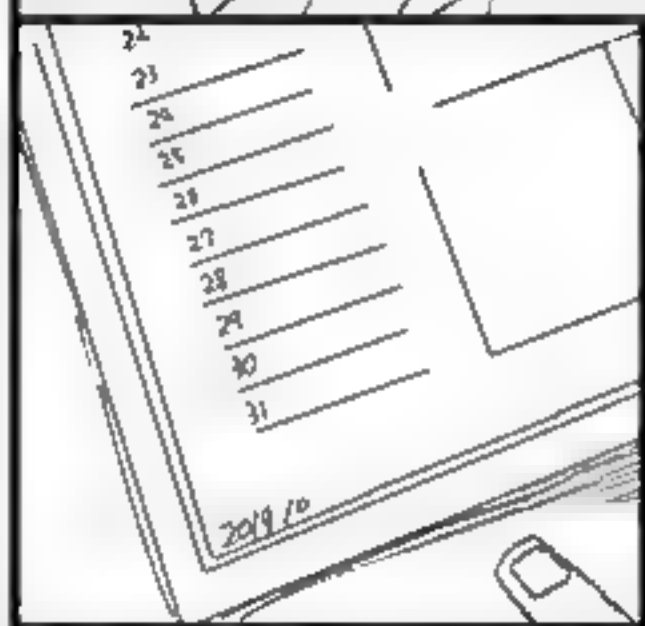
it was just
us being
children.















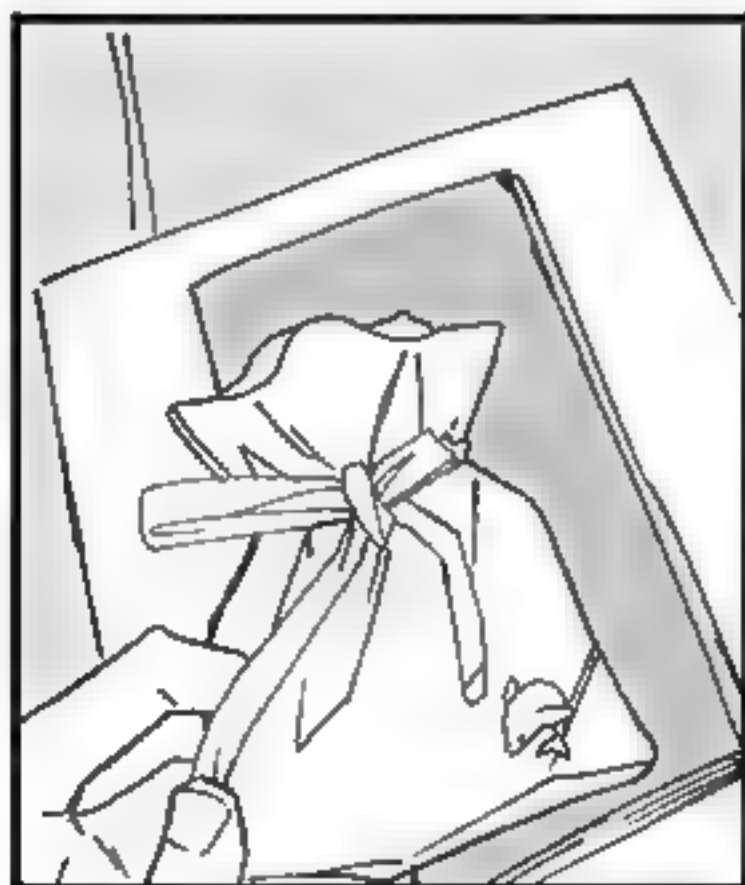


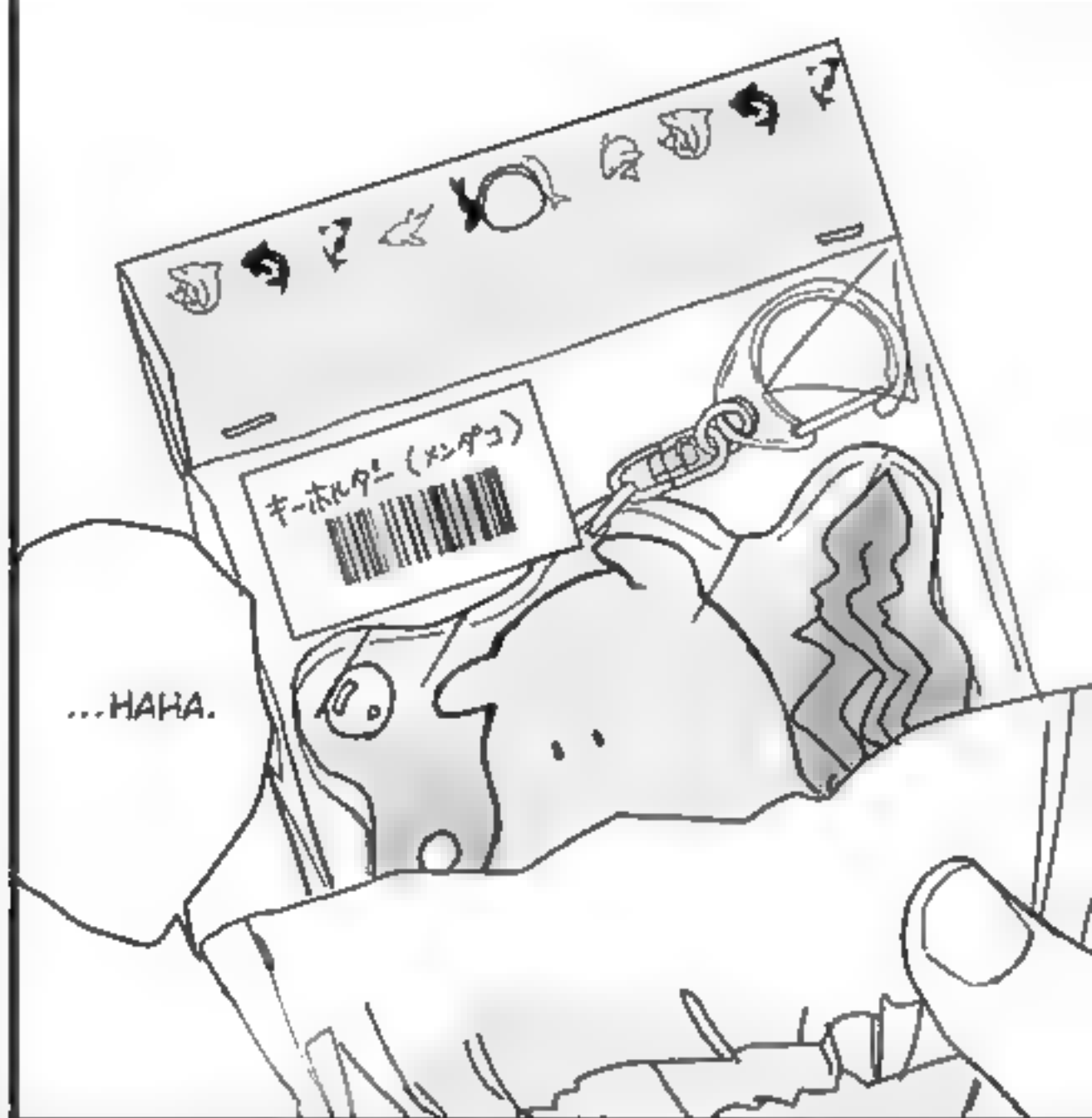












...always so
forward
with me.

You tell
me your
feelings
without
hesita-
tion.



Meanwhile,
I'm...

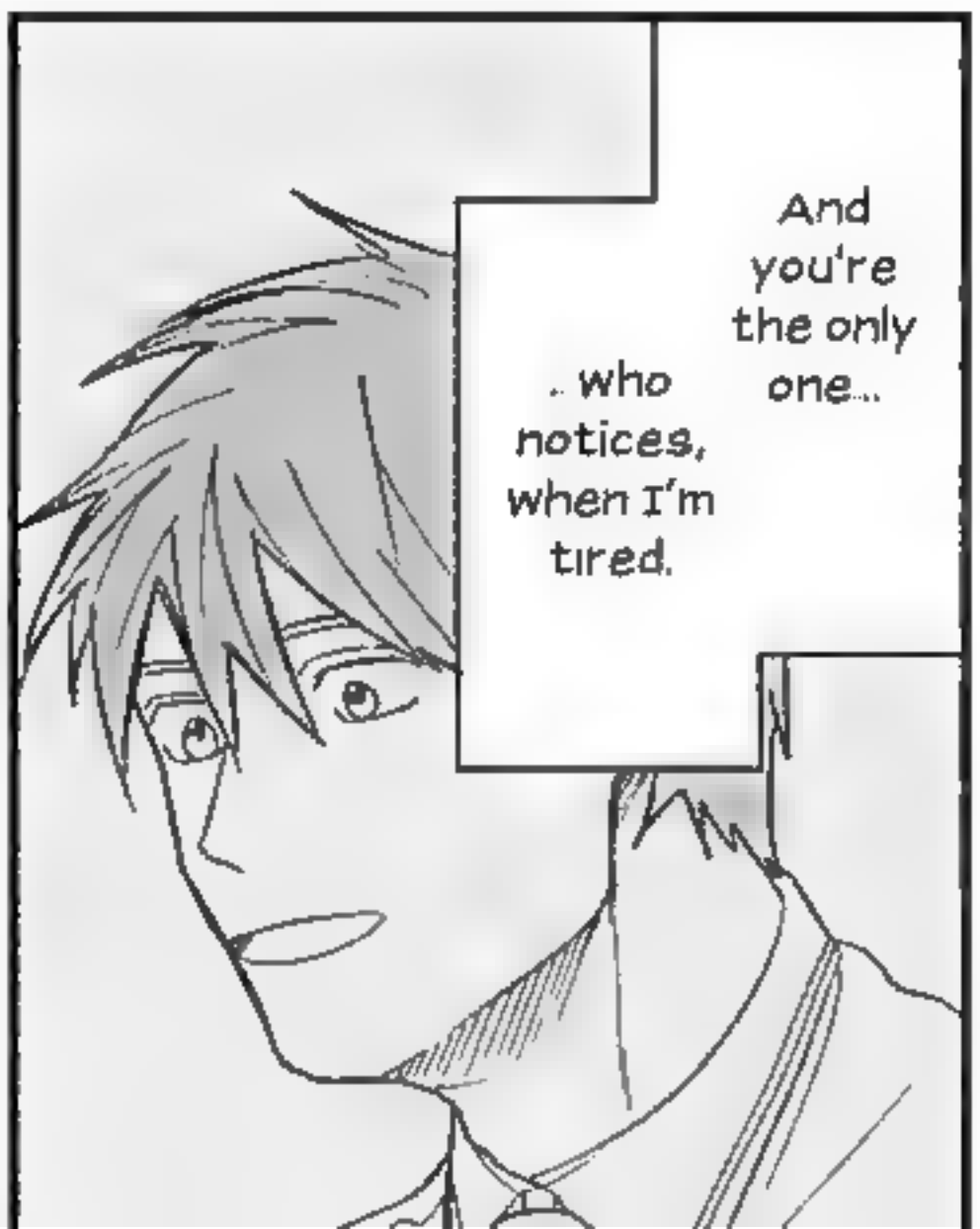
...so
mindful
of me.

You're
always..

CLATTER



And
you're
the only
one...
.. who
notices,
when I'm
tired.





ENDOU.

...just
desperately
trying to keep
up appearances
with you.



I was only
thinking
about
myself.

I've
always
been
scared



that
I still
haven't
matured
yet

of you
finding
out..

I was
scared..



At least
if I tell
him,

IF I
CAN...

CHASE
AFTER
HIM...

JDD

I CAN
MAKE
IT.

he won't
make that...

pained
expres-
sion.

WHAT THE
HELL.





Chapter 8 / END



Whoa.

BUT, I'M
SATISFIED
WITH THAT.

Whoa.

IT'S
CONSTANTLY
BEEN ON MY
MIND...

WHY YOU
LIED...

He
heard
me.

Endou
heard
me.

BUT
IF THAT
WERE THE
CASE,

I WASN'T SURE
IF IT'S BECAUSE
YOU HATED ME.

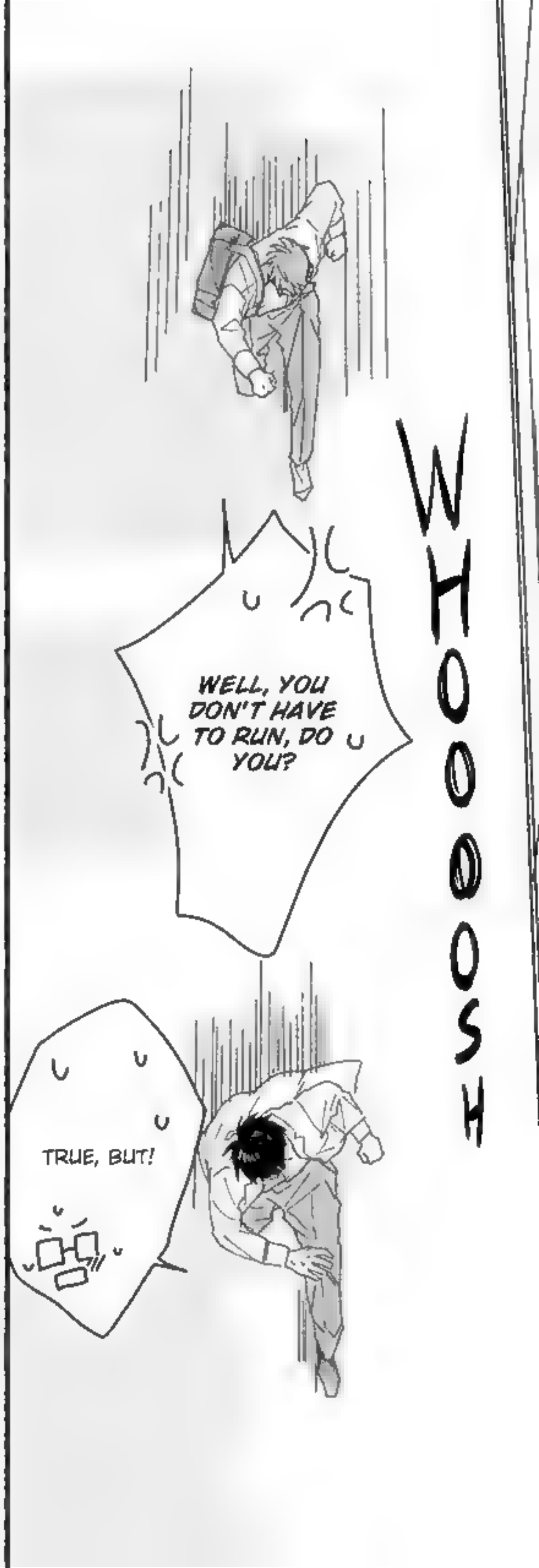


IF YOU HATED
ME, THEN YOU
WOULDN'T GO
OUT OF YOUR
WAY...

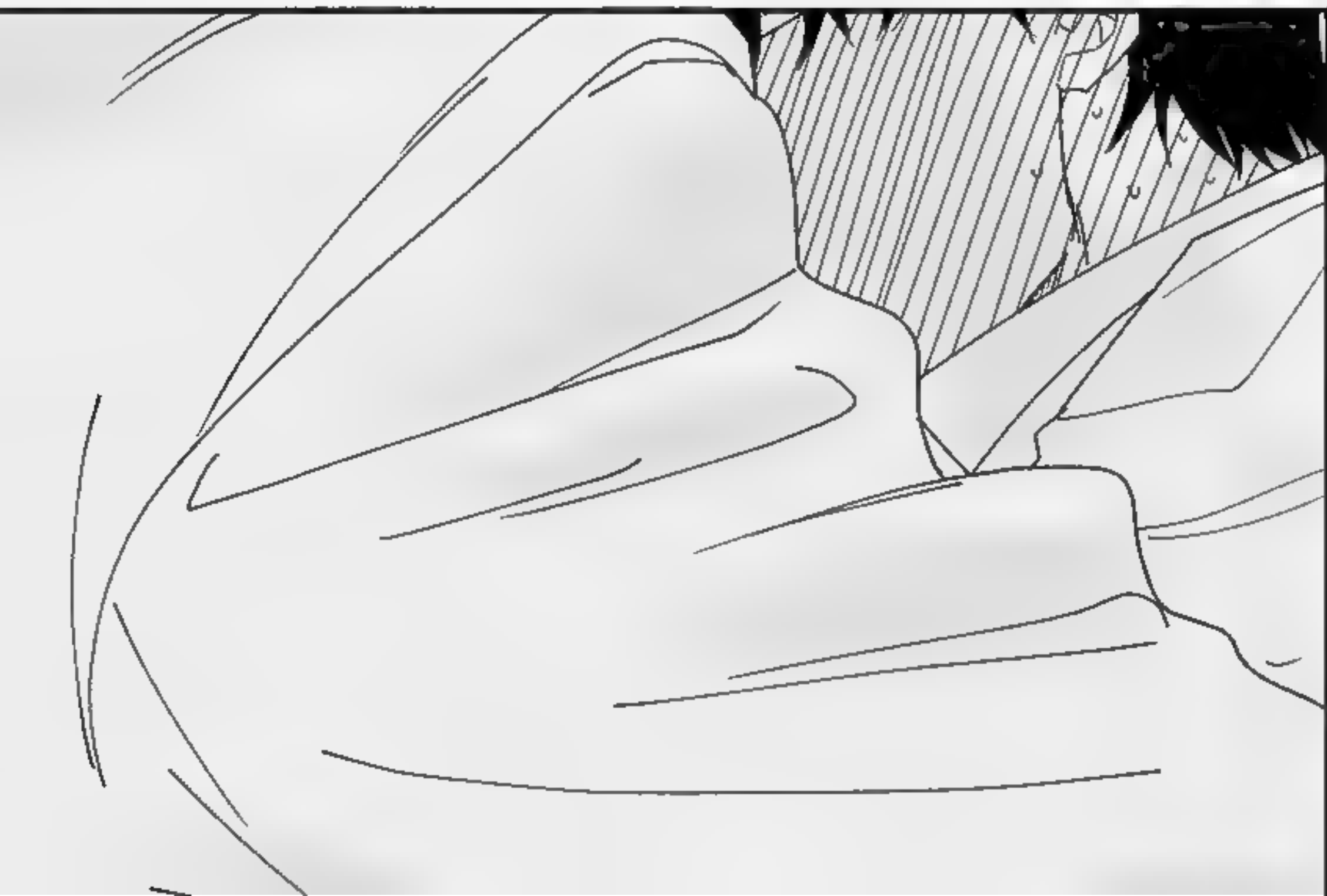
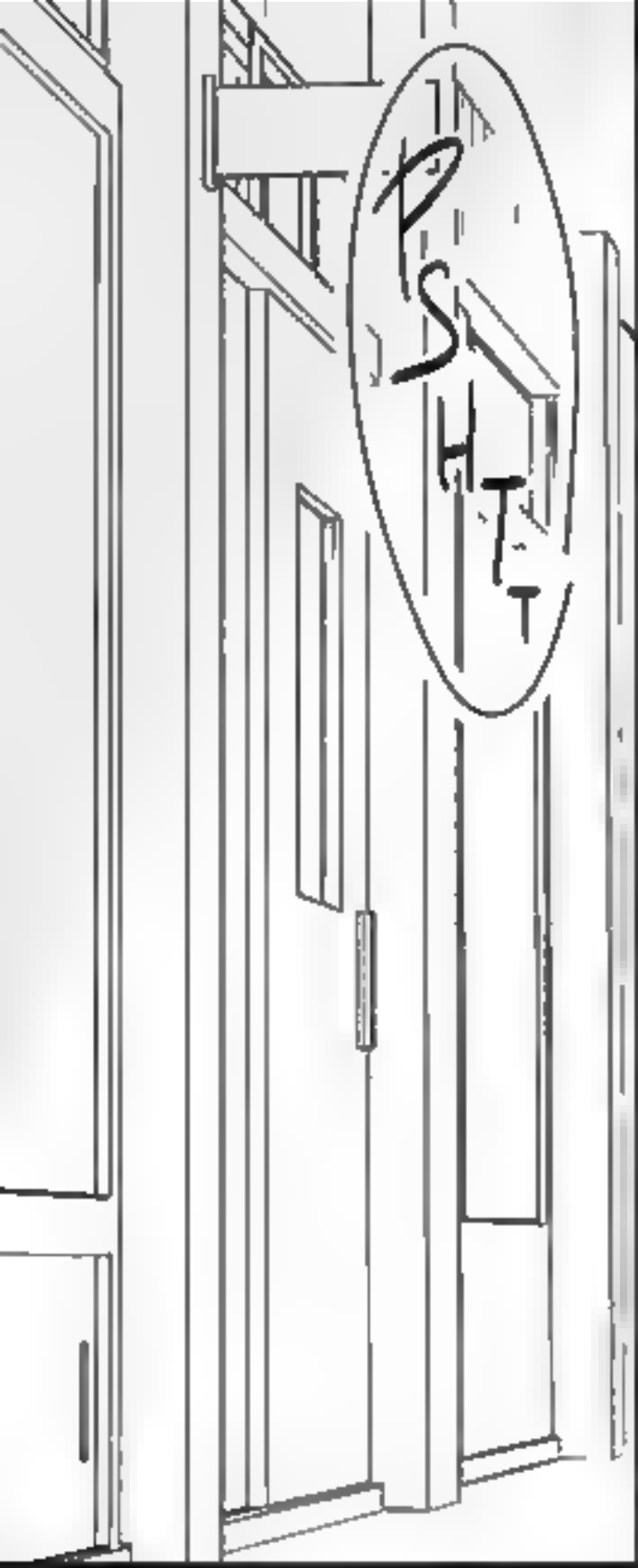
...TO LIE
TO ME
LIKE
THAT.













HA...

YOU'RE TOO
FLUSTERED.



MORE
IMPORTANTLY,







?

I'M NOT AS
MATURE...

I...

...AS YOU
THINK.



LIKE
RIGHT NOW,
I START TO
PANIC AND I
TAKE OFF.

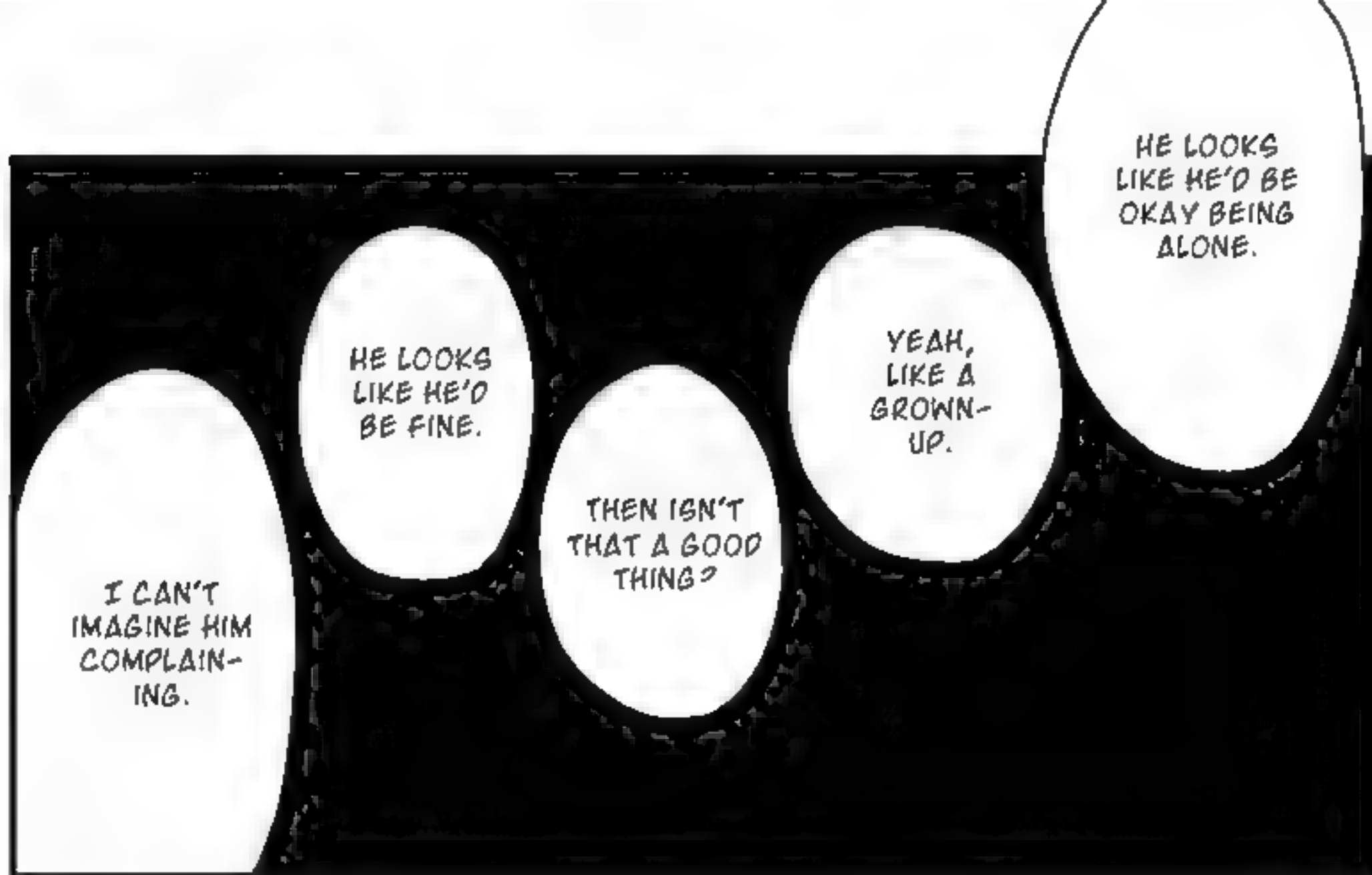
AND I
DIDN'T
EVEN...

...GIVE
A PROPER
RESPONSE
TO YOUR
FEELINGS.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?







HNGH...



DESPITE
BEING SO
OBVIOUS?



SENSEI...

WERE YOU
HIDING YOUR
FEELINGS?

Squeeze



YOUR FACE IS
COMPLETELY
RED.

ARE YOU
CRYING?



I...



...GIVE IN
ALREADY.

SO
JUST...

I NOW
KNOW HOW
YOU FEEL,

Shff





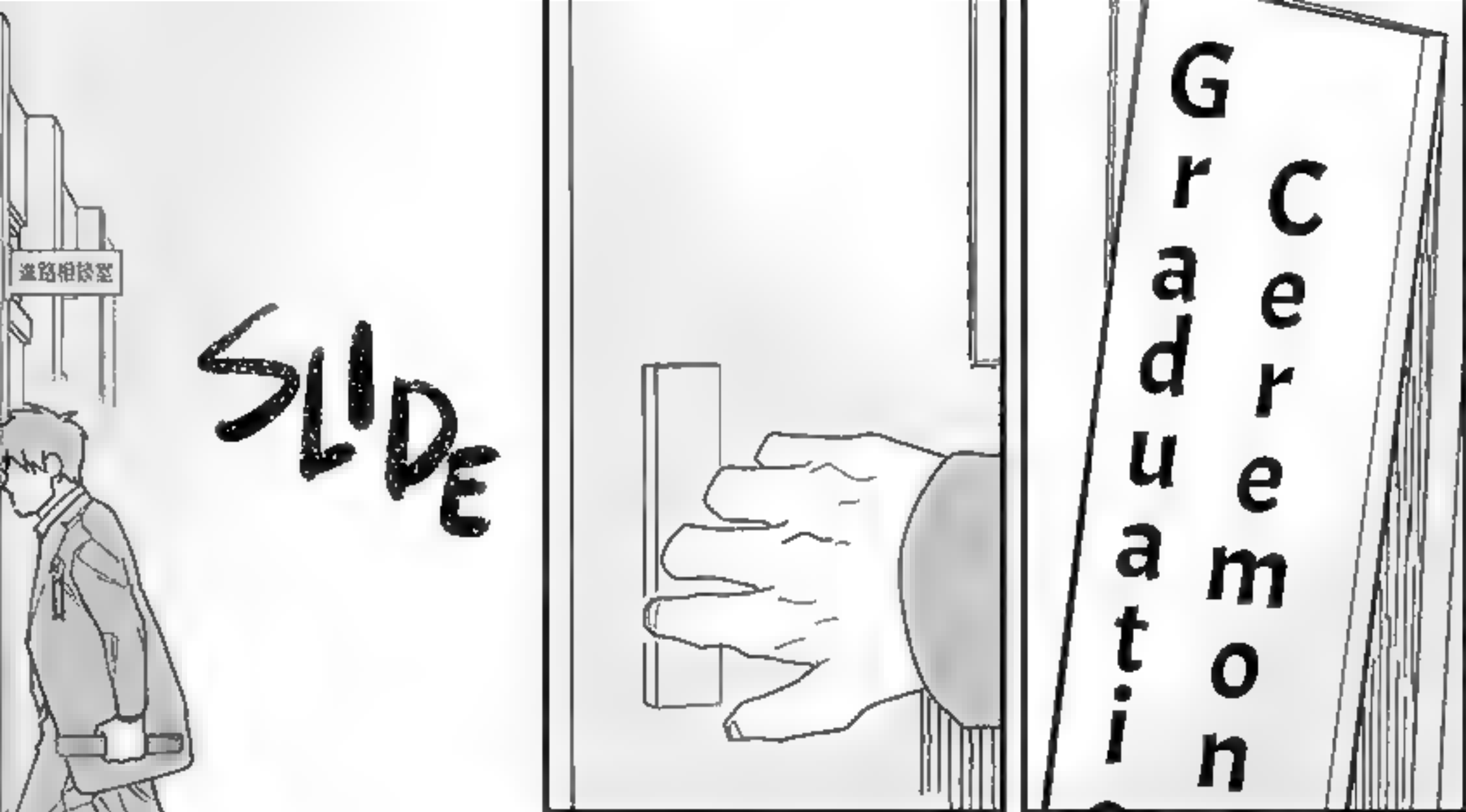
...I LIKE
YOU.

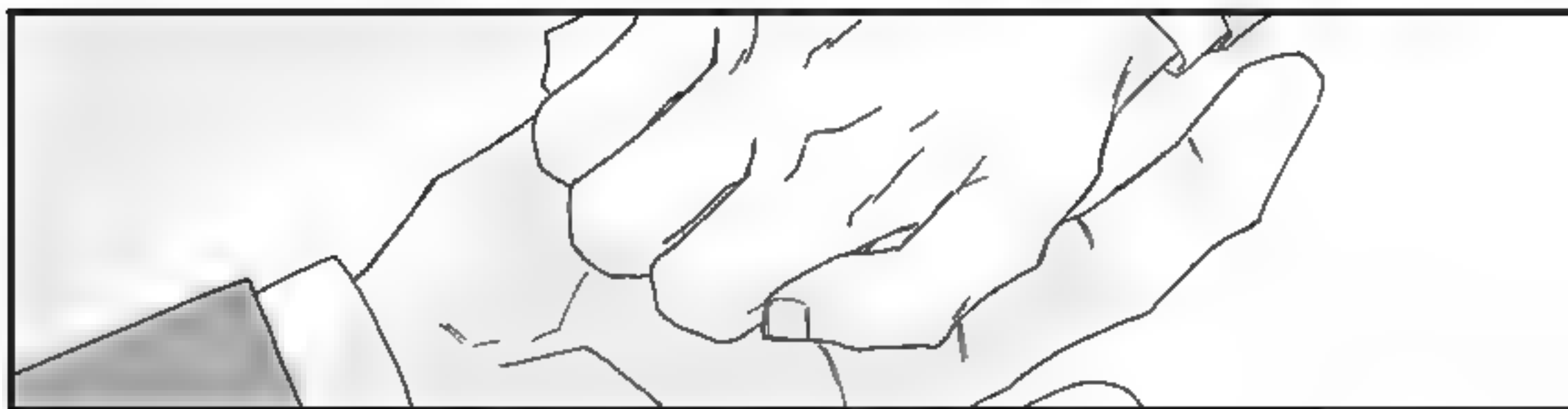


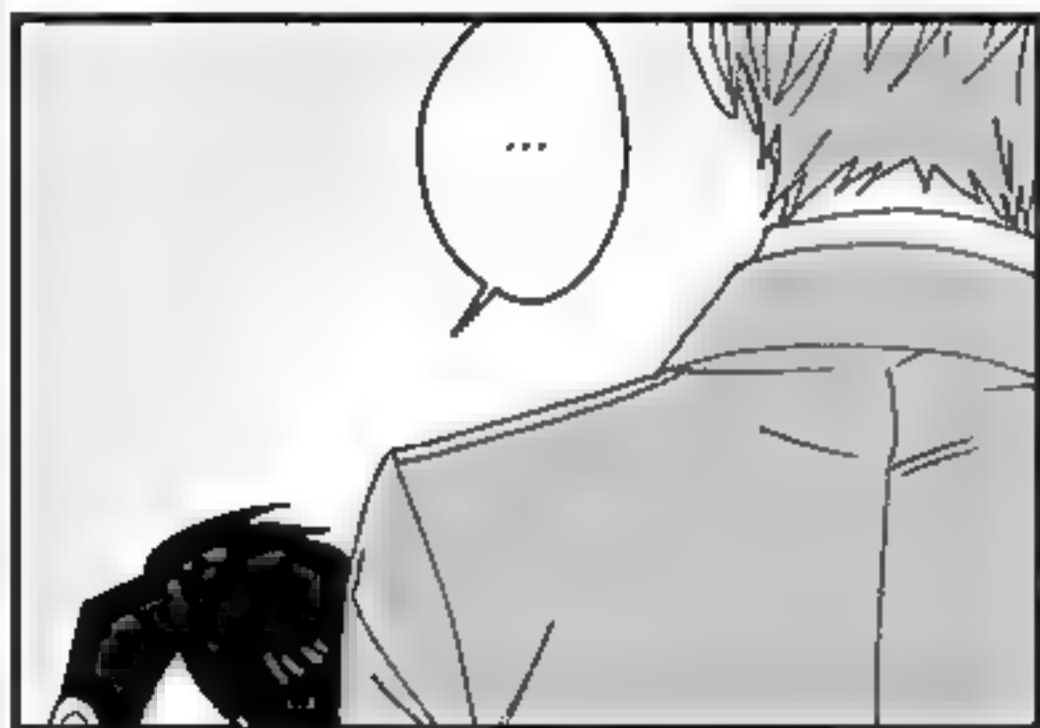
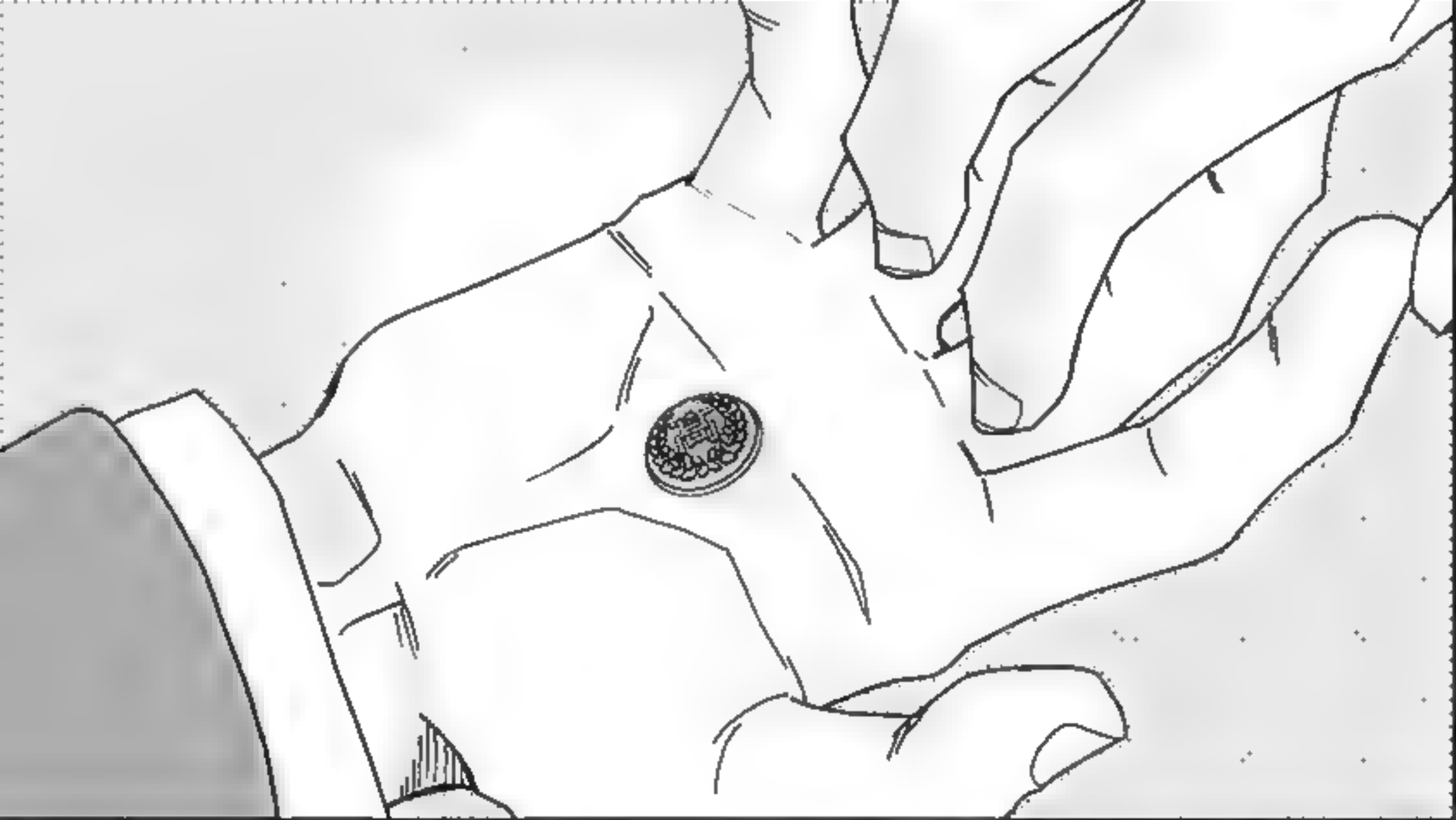
...YEAH.





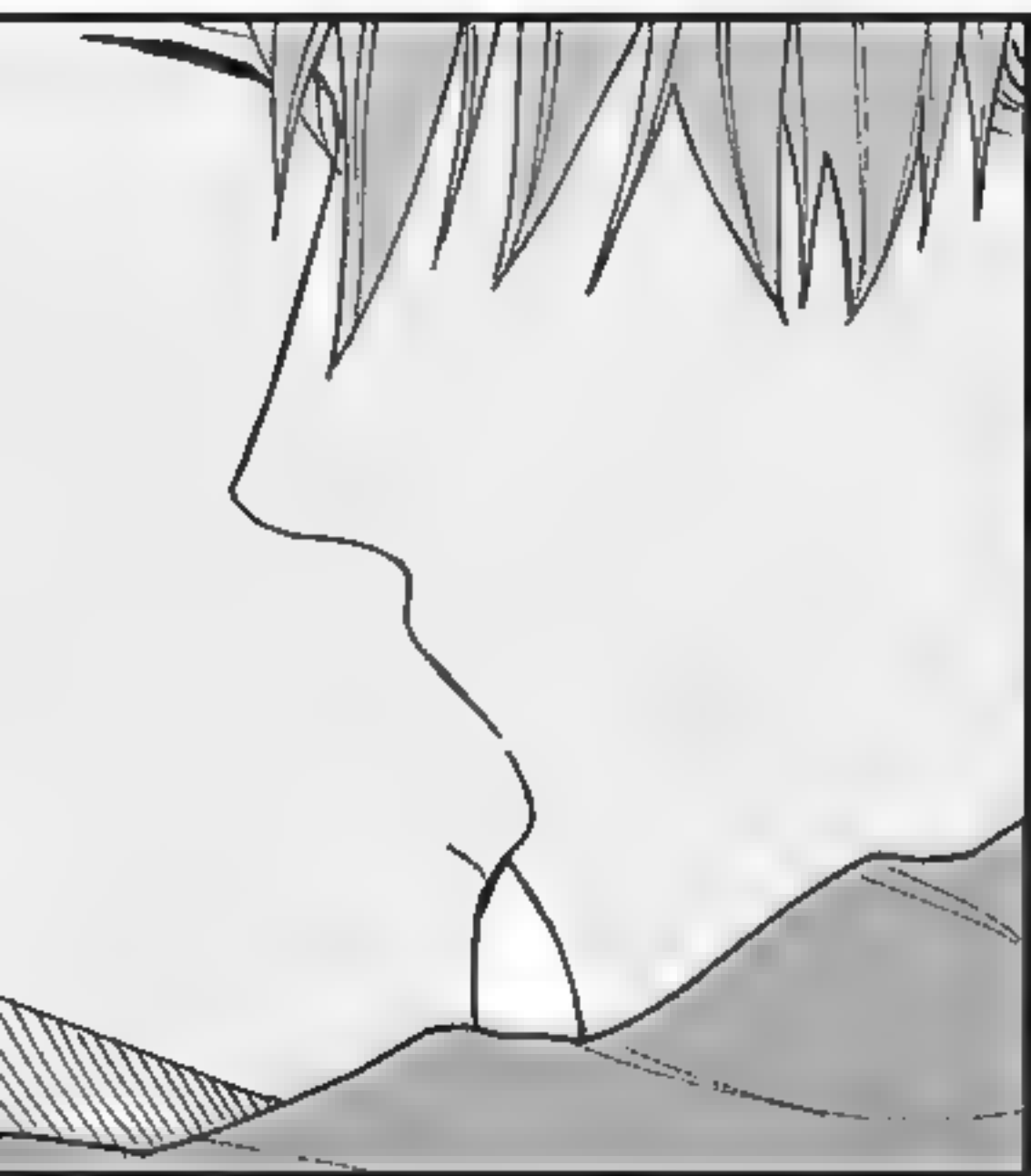


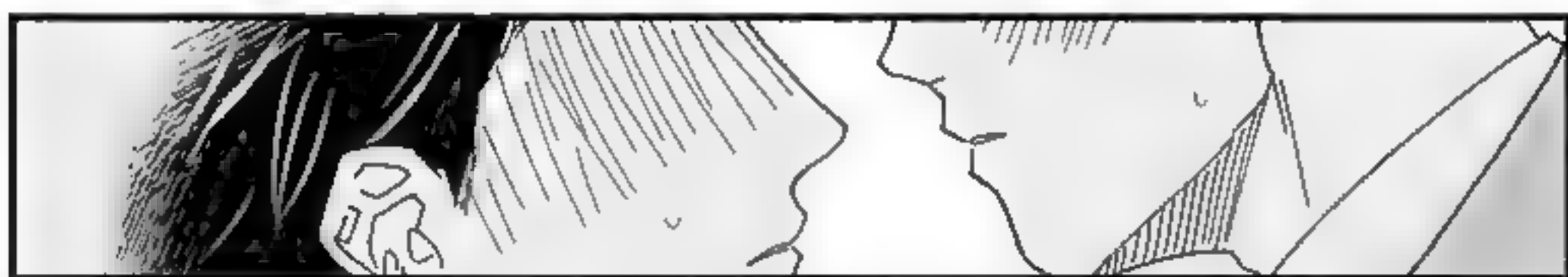




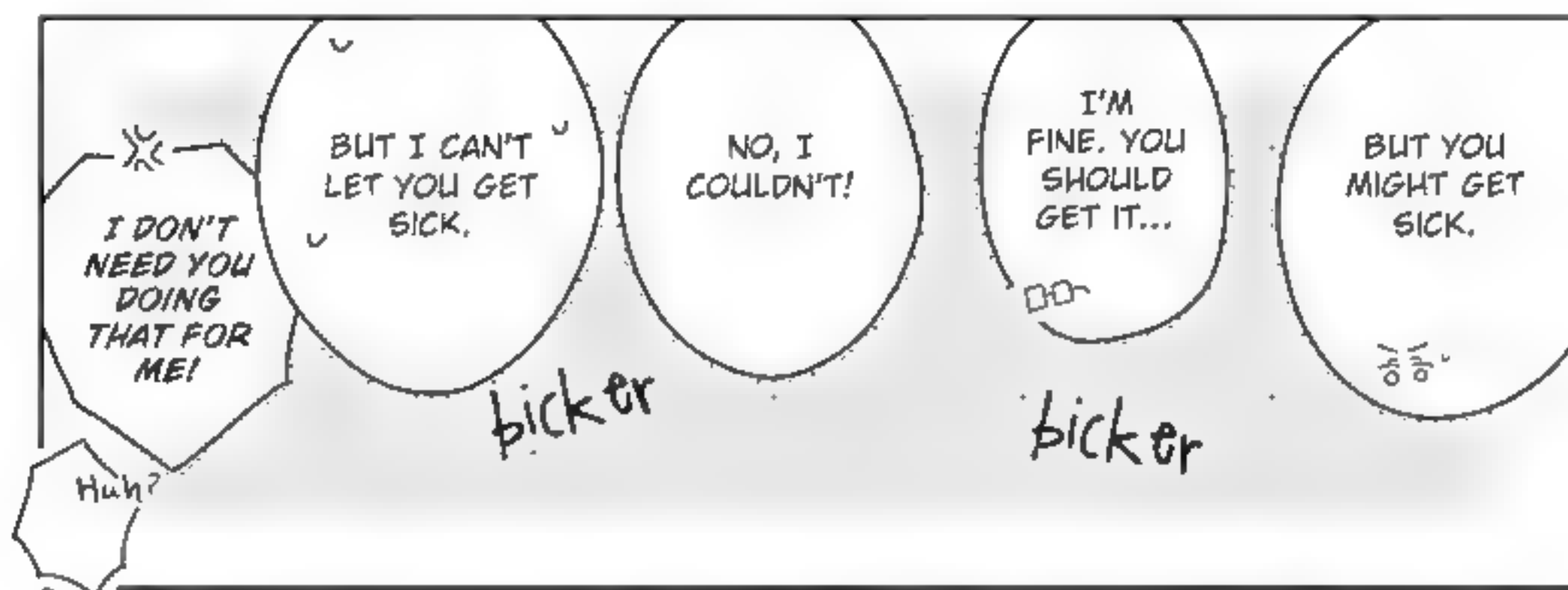


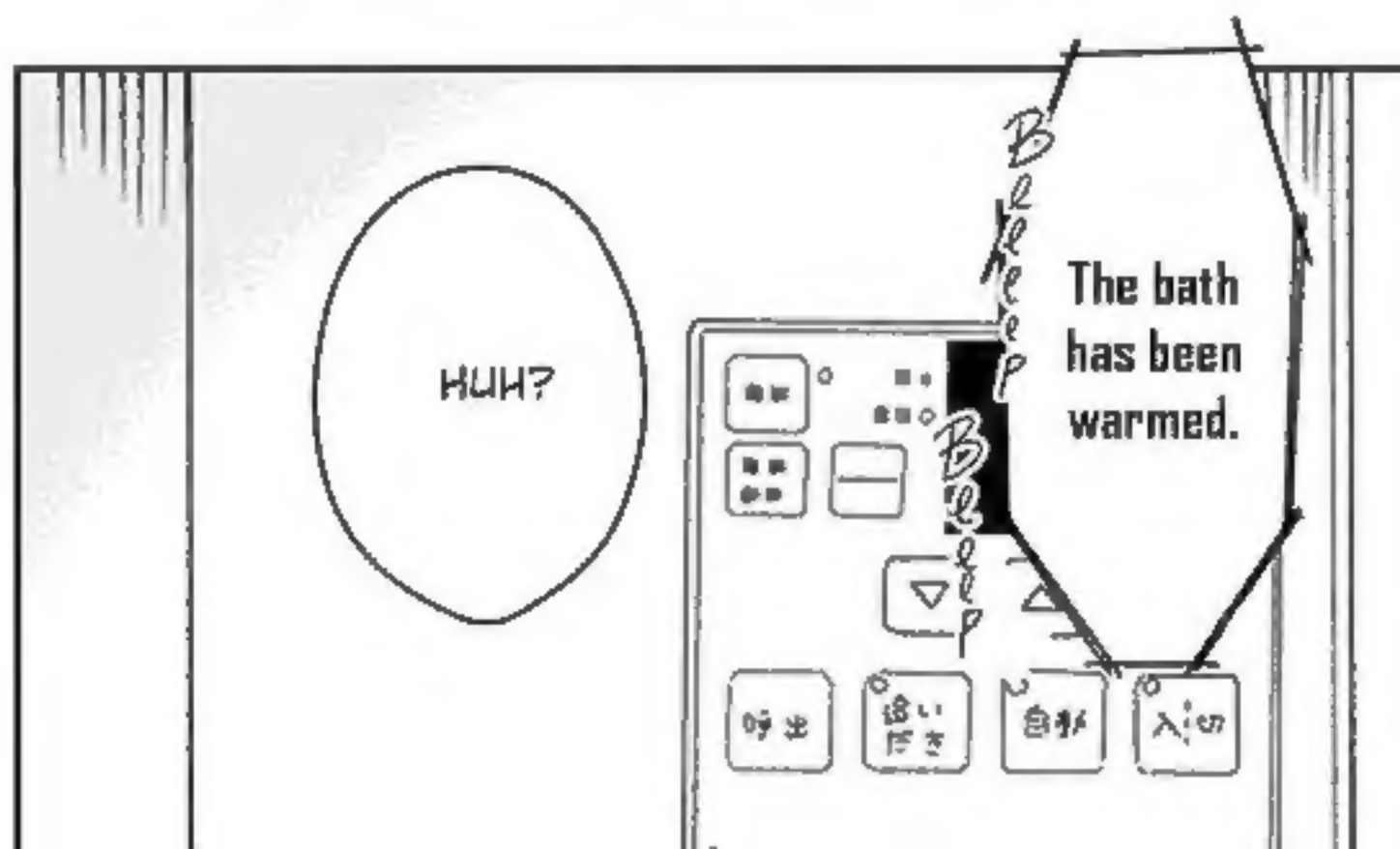


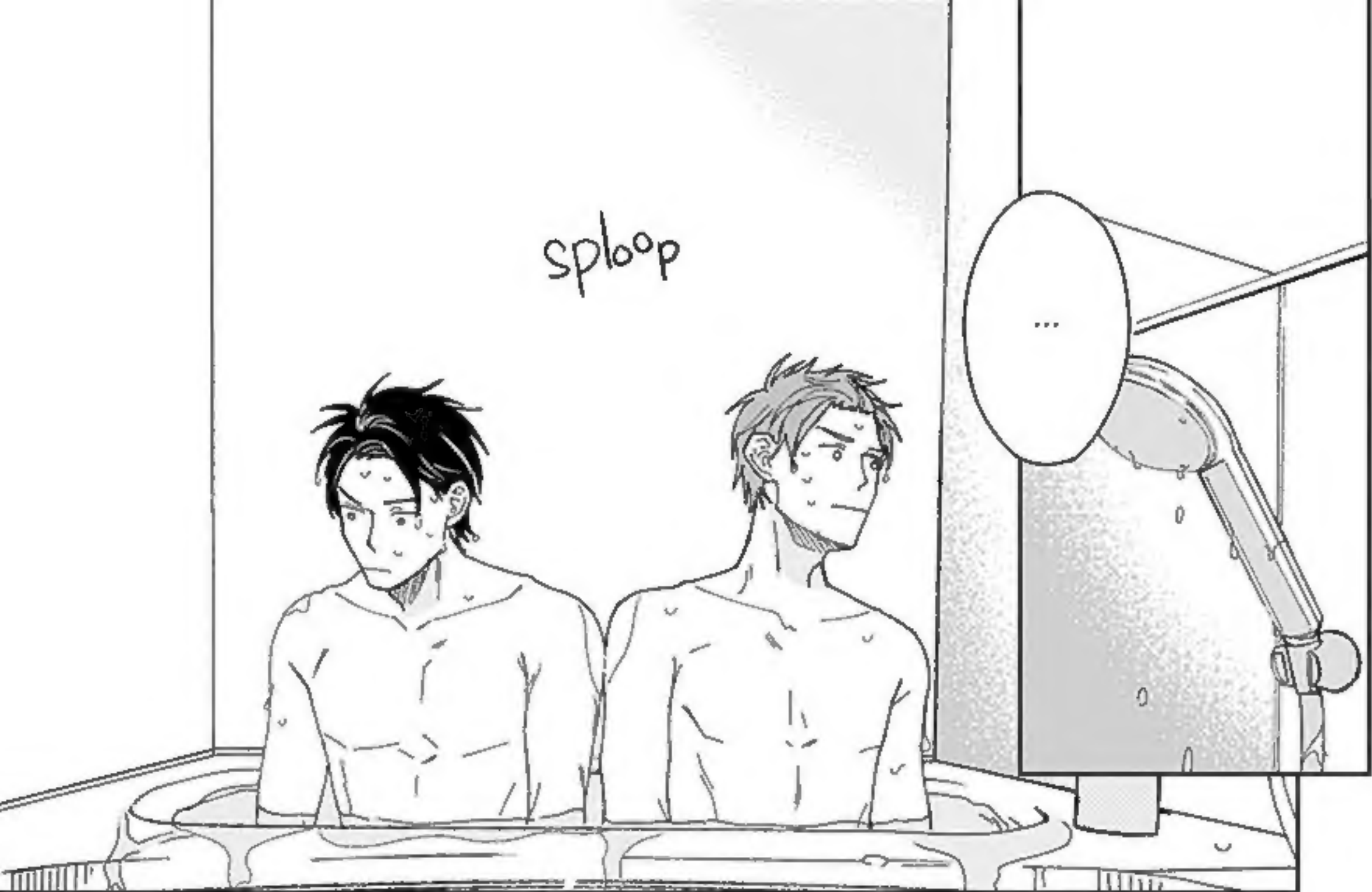




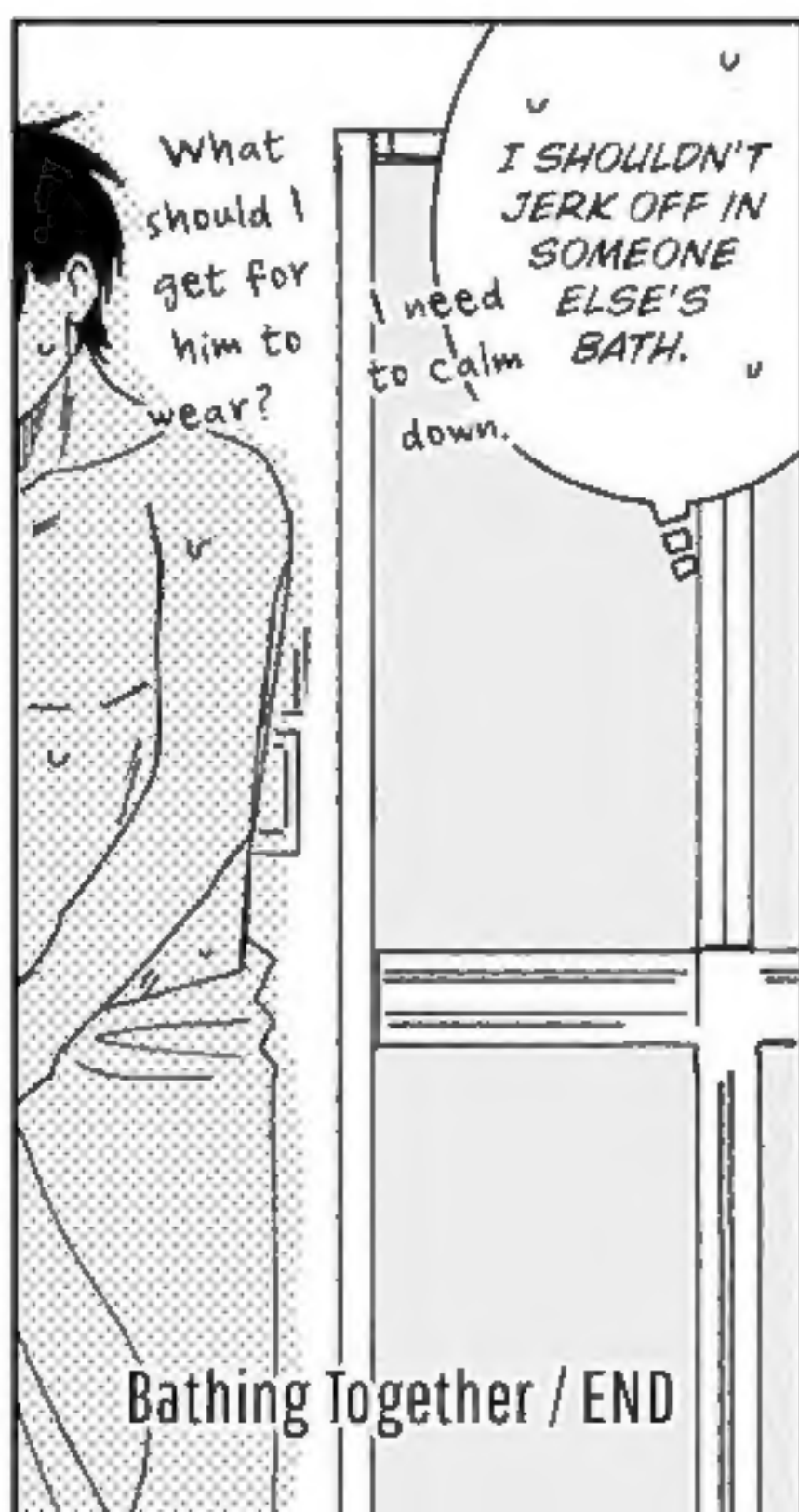












Bathing Together / END